

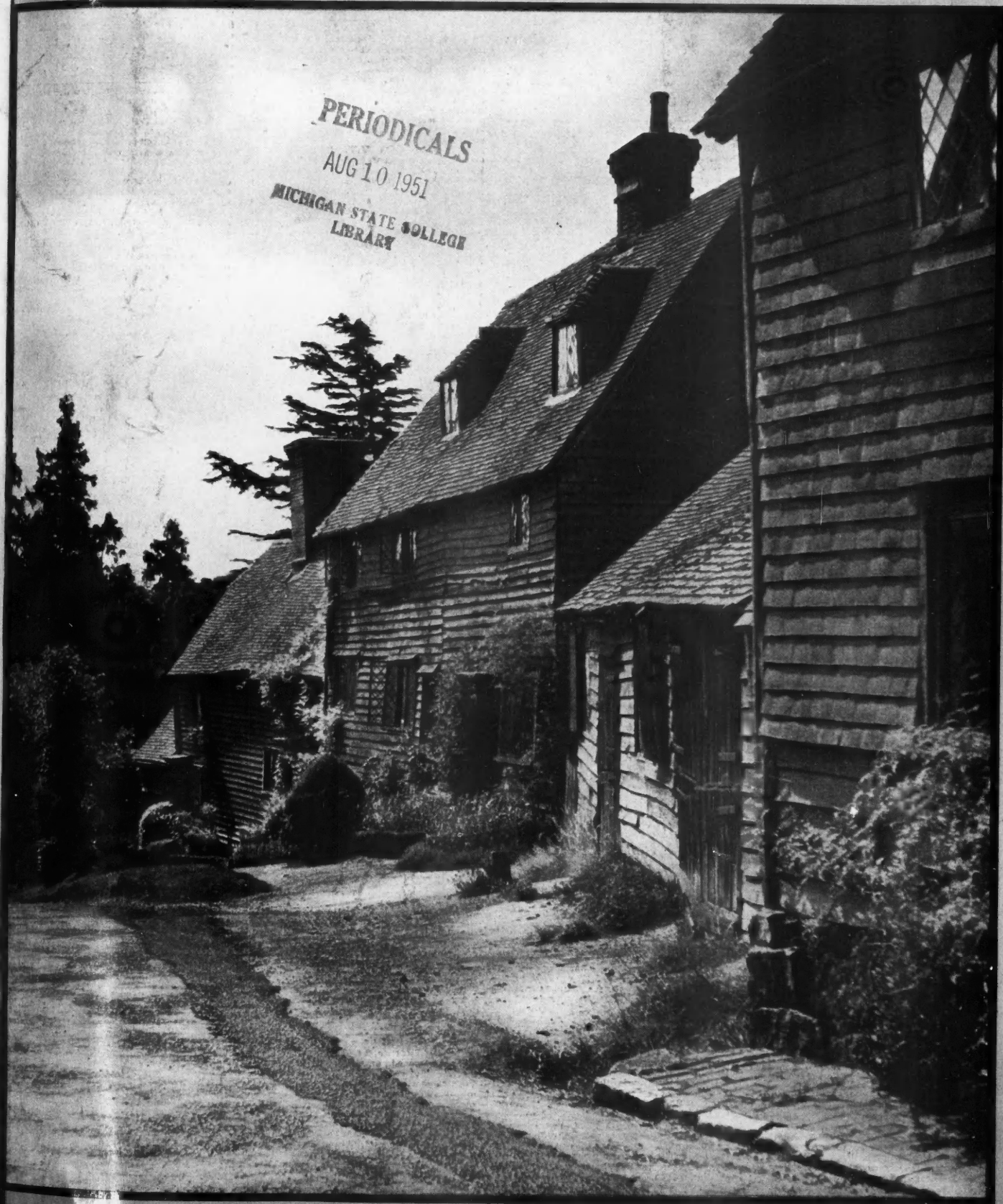
Country Life—July 27, 1951

THROUGH THE HEART OF JERSEY COUNTRY LIFE

On Sale Friday,
JULY 27, 1951

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AUCTIONS

Vacant Possession September 29, 1951.
Residential Farm Holding
ABSON RING FARM,
ABSON, WICK, GLOS.
(Bristol 7 miles, Bath 7 miles)
Farm residence, farm cottage and outbuildings.
79 acres 2 road 35 perch (all in ring fence with
long road frontages) which
GEO. NICHOLAS, HUNT & CO.
will submit to Public Auction at the Grand
Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Thursday,
August 2, 1951, at 2.30 p.m. Plans, particulars
and conditions of sale from the Auctioneers,
59, Broad Street, Bristol 1 (Tel. 25630).
Solicitors: Messrs. WANSBROUGH, ROBINSON,
TAYLER & TAYLOR, Dunlop Buildings, Bal-
win Street, Bristol 1 (Tel. 23571).

KINROSS-SHIRE

CAIRNFOLD FARM, DOLLAR
For Sale by Public Roup (unless previously
sold privately) within the Livestock Marts,
Stirling, on Thursday, August 23, 1951, at
1 p.m., in No. 1 ring, the very attractive
Attended Dairy Farm, of Cairnfold, Dollar. The
house is particularly attractive and modern
and comprises 2 public rooms, 4 bedrooms,
tiled bathroom (h. and c.), entrance hall with
fireplace, kitchen with fitted cupboards, store-
room, etc. County water supply. The land
extends to 64 acres. Steading comprises
newly-built byre with feeding passages and
dairy premises for 32 attended dairy cows; also
excellent byre for 19 dairy cows, stirk byre for
19, 2 loose boxes, calf pens, etc. All stock
premises fitted with drinking water bowls
from county water supply. 3-stalled stable,
implement shed, meal house, barn and garage
(2 cars). The whole is in excellent condition
and dwelling house and steading are lit by
electricity. Assessed rent £60. Annual burdens
light. Along with above farm may be had to
let the adjoining farm of Tethyknowe of 80
acres arable land with good sized farmhouse,
2 cottages, 4-stalled stable, implement shed,
reed hay lofts, etc. County water supply.
Rent £50 p.a. The whole fields of both farms
are in good heart and well watered. Entry and
actual occupation at Martinmas, 1951, or as
mutually arranged. Inquirers may inspect the
subjects on giving one day's notice to owner-
occupier, Mrs. H. P. Goodall, Cairnfold, Dollar
(Tel. Saline 228). Further particulars, etc., from
SIMPSON, KINSMOY & MAXWELL
W.S., 10, Albany Place, Edinburgh (Tel.
26173), who also hold articles of roup.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE

(8 miles from Peterborough)
For Sale by Auction, on Wednesday, Aug. 15,
1951, with vacant possession on Sept. 30 next.
Fully licensed, well known as

THE NEW INN

occupying an excellent position on the hub of
main roads, containing 3 trade rooms, 7 bed-
rooms, residents' lounge and staff quarters, etc.

Full particulars from

R. LONGSTAFF & CO.
Auctioneers and Valuers, Spalding, or the
Solicitors: Messrs. SHARP & WADDE, Market
Deeeping, (C10)

VENNING & JEFFERY

Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents,
Lostwithiel, Cornwall.

NORTH CORNWALL

Easy distances from Boscawen, Bude,
Launceston, Camelford and the North Cornish
coast. "HELFEET." Freehold Agricultural
Estate almost in a ring fence. Area 315
acres. Modernised farmhouse, 3 cottages,
T.T. and attended milking parlour and ample
buildings. For Sale as a whole or in 3 Lots.
By Public Auction at The White Hart Hotel,
Launceston, on Tuesday, August 7, 1951,
at 3 p.m. Possession on completion. Particu-
lars and viewing from the Auctioneers,
Conditions of Sale from Messrs. GRAHAM
WHITE & Co., Launceston.

SOUTH PETERHURTON, SOMERSET

5 miles Ilminster, 9 miles Yeovil.
The Freehold hamstone and slated Country
Residence, known as
YARN BARTON

is well situated on the outskirts of a small
country town and contains: large lounge hall
with oak parquet floor, dining room, drawing
room with oak parquet floor, study, maid's
sitting room, cloakroom, 6 bedrooms (all with
basins, h. and c.), 2 bathrooms, good domestic
quarters. Garages for 4 cars. Stables and
other buildings. Attractive garden with grass
tennis court, flower beds, ornamental trees,
etc. Kitchen garden with heated greenhouse.
Together with small paddock, in all nearly
1½ acres. Central heating. Main electricity.
Main water. Main drainage. Vacant Possession.
For sale by Auction, Thursday, August 9, 1951,
at 3 p.m., unless previously sold privately.
Full particulars from the Agents:

F. L. HUNT & SONS

Langport, Somerset.

TORQUAY, S. DEVON

In a choice position on the lower slopes of the
Warberry Hill with views over Torbay and
within easy reach of the Strand and town
centre, the Freehold Residential Property
(subject to an annual rent charge of £7) and
known as Lot 1. Woodside, Upper Braddons
Hill Road, Torquay. Facing south. Attractive
wooded garden of about 3 roods 25 perches.
In excellent repair and tastefully decorated.
Accommodation on two floors, large pillared
lounge hall, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms,
2 bathrooms, etc. All main services. Vacant
possession. Lot 2. A productive Walled
Kitchen Garden adjoining Lot 1 and com-
prising an area of about 3 roods 9 perches.
For sale by public auction at The Queen's
Hotel, Torquay on Wednesday, August 1, 1951
at 3 p.m. The property will be first offered as
a whole, if not so sold, in lots as set out.
If Lot 1 is not sold, Lot 2 will be withdrawn.
Particulars from Messrs.

HOOPER & WOLLEN

Solicitors, Torquay or from the Auctioneers,
9, Strand, Torquay. Phone 4458.

AUCTIONS—contd.

NORTH DEVON

situated in the delightful old-world village of
Croyde, ½ mile from sandy beach. Attractive
freehold residence of character known as
"CROYDE MANOR"

approached by a short carriage drive and
standing in its own mature grounds of nearly
3 acres. The accommodation on two floors
comprises spacious entrance hall, cloakroom,
3 large reception rooms, kitchen with Aga,
5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, etc. Main elec-
tricity. Central heating. Useful range of
outbuildings including double garage and
stabling. For sale by Auction August 31, 1951.
Printed particulars with photograph from
JOHN SMALE & CO.

13, Cross Street, Barnstaple. Tel. 2000.

SUSSEX HIGHLANDS

"BENSFIELD," WADHURST

(1 mile main line station). Superlative position
570 ft. up; panoramic views. Lot 1 upset
price £6,500. Modern country residence.
4 principal bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, 2
bathrooms, 4 secondary bedrooms. Main
services. Central heating. Large street.
Secluded grounds, 4½ acres. Lots 2, 3 and 4.
Two excellent cottages and model T.T.
standard farmyard, 22 acres. Auction August 3
or privately.

GEERING & COLYER

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

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HARRODS LTD., Barnes, S.W.13. Re-
movals home and abroad, furniture
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small deliveries anywhere. Estimates free.
HOULTS, LTD., The Depositories, Phase
Road, Southgate, London, N.14 (Tel.:
PALmers Green 1167). Also at Newcastle,
Carlisle, Glasgow.

FOR SALE

ARGYLLSHIRE. Island Estate for Sale
house and home farms. Attractive shooting.
Trout lochs. Island of Col, extent 8,000 acres.
The Residence is nicely situated, compactly
arranged on 2 floors and contains: lounge-hall,
sitting room, dining room, 4 bedrooms, dress-
ing room, bathroom, cloakroom and complete
offices, including kitchen with Esse cooker.
Well-stocked garden. Garage for 3 cars.

Ringmar Farm, including 240 acres.
240 acres. Ample steading accommodation
including byre (38), barn, stable, service cot-
tage, 13 farms with suitable buildings, 8 small
holdings, 29 houses. Feus, peat bogs, water
rents, total rental of £1,160 per annum.—
Full particulars and orders to view apply to
the Sole Selling Agents: WALKER, FRASER AND
SPRELL, Estate Agents, 58, Gt. Street,
Edinburgh and 74, Bath Street, Glasgow.

BANBURY 3 miles. Delightful Period Cot-
tage, suit 2 ladies: 3-5 bed., 2 rec., kit.,
bathroom. Pretty garden. Garage. £4,600.
—Sole Agents: BILLINGS & SONS, 54, Win-
combe Street, Cheltenham (55774).

BETWEEN HIGH WYCOMBE AND

OXFORD. Just in the market. In
glorious country. Small Period Residence
in perfect order built of mellowed brick and
tile, the accommodation comprise lounge hall
(15 ft. 6 in. x 11 ft.), lounge (22 ft. x 11 ft.),
dining room, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom
and w.c. Good garage and small charming
garden. Inspected and highly recommended.
Price £6,950, open to offer.—Full particulars
from Messrs. E. J. BROOKS & SON, F.A.I.,
Gloucester House, Beaumont Street, Oxford.
Tel. 4535.

BIRDHAM. A modernised Country Cottage
set amid rural surroundings and near to
Chichester Harbour, comprising: 2 reception
rooms, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and w.c.,
kitchen. Garage and outhouse. Main services.
½ acre of cultivated garden. Freehold £3,500 or
reasonable offer. For full details and other
available properties in Chichester and dis-
trict, apply BEDFORD & UPTON, 24, South-
gate, Chichester. Tel. 3439.

BLACKHEATH (Park Gate). Superior
modern Detached Residence, situate in
rural setting. Frontage to City (20
mins.). Economical garden (not overlooked).
3 principal bedrooms, dressing room, 2 nur-
series, 2 bathrooms, 2 w.c.s, charming entrance
hall, lounge, study, dining room, parquet
floors, servants' sitting room and bedrooms.
Large garage. Superior fittings and construc-
tion throughout. Lease 72 years. Ground rent
£25, £7,000, subject to contract.—DYER, SON
AND CREASY, Chartered Surveyors, Black-
heath, S.E.3. Tel. LEE 0019.

CAMBRIDGE. For sale with vacant
possession at Michaelmas 1951. White
House, Barton. Most desirable and convenient
situation. Excellent condition. 4 miles from
Cambridge. 3 reception, 6 bedrooms, garden,
garage. Mains electricity. All modern con-
veniences. Freehold.—Particulars from BIRD-
SALL ESTATE OFFICE, Malton, Yorks, or HON.
M. WILFORD, The Occupier, who will
show the house.

CORNWALL. Old Manor House, Penzance.
3 acres. 4 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms,
etc., separate servant's flat, 2 large studios, 3
loose boxes, 2 paddocks. Orchard. Lovely
gardens. Hunting with Western Hounds.
Vacant.—For further particulars apply, W. H.
LANE & SON, 33-34, Market Place, Penzance
(Tel. 2286-7).

DEVON. Dartmoor's edge, not isolated,
charming sheltered Semi-Bungalow. Central
heating. 3-5 bedrooms with basins.
Garage. Telephone. Main water, electricity.
Near village. Newton Abbot bus. Wonderful
setting. Photo. No agents.—Box 4731.

FOR SALE—contd.

CARDIFF. By direction of Col. J. G. Gaskell,
T.D., D.L. For Sale by Private Treaty.
"Cwr Cefn." Lisvane. 6½ acres. Vacant
Possession. One of the finest houses in the
district with exceptional views. 5 reception
rooms, modern offices, Aga cooker, 8 bed
and dressing rooms, 2 bathrooms. Excellent
decorative and structural condition. Main
water, electricity, drainage, central heating.
Garage (4). Greenhouse. Charming and pro-
ductive garden.—Full particulars from W. H.
COOKE & ARKWRIGHT, Chartered Land Agents,
3, Westgate Street, Cardiff (Tel. 587), Park
Street, Bridgend (Tel. 1167), Hereford,
Bangor, Mold.

CHELMSFORD. Delightful 5-bedroomed
Gentleman's Residence, country out-
skirts of town. Very convenient London.
2 reception, excellent 1 acre garden. Garage.
Glasshouse. Freehold £6,750 or close.—FRED
TAYLOR & Co., Duke Street, Chelmsford,
Essex. Tel. 3641-2.

CORNWALL. A FINE YACHTSMAN'S
RESIDENCE. Secluded. Commands
Helford River and coastal views. 2 reception,
4 bedrooms, bathroom, etc. Beautiful condi-
tion and labour saving. Freehold.—Apply,
Sole Agents, below. Ref. 8093.

A RARE SECLUDED S. CORNISH
COTTAGE RESIDENCE in delightful
order, close golf, yachting, etc. 3 reception,
5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Garage, etc.
Walled garden. Freehold.—Apply, Agents
below. Ref. 8096.

A FIRST-CLASS T.T. FARM. South
Cornwall, approximately 140 acres, Helford
River district. Fine farm buildings and farm-
house, with main electricity. Freehold.—
Apply, Sole Agents below. Ref. 2023. For
particulars above and further properties
apply to STOCKTON & PLUMSTEAD, Mawnan,
Falmouth.

CORNWALL. A 14th-century gem, 900 ft.
up, in a secluded setting. Magnificent old
Manor House, unspoilt and original. Granite
with slate roof. Mullioned windows. Leaded
lights, beamed ceilings. 4 reception, 5 bed-
rooms, 2 bathrooms (h. and c.). Excellent
walled garden. Own services. Easy reach
Launceston and Bude. Leasedhold 999 years
from 1934 at £25 per annum. £8,000 or offer.
Immediate possession.—GRIBBLE, BOOTH AND
SHEPHERD, Yeovil. Tel. 434 (and at Basing-
stoke).

COTSWOLDS. Situated in charming vil-
lage. Stone-built Residence, 4 beds,
2 rec., bath. Garage. Garden room. Small
walled garden.—BILLINGS & SONS, 54,
Wincombe Street, Cheltenham (55774).

CUMBERLAND. Spacious, semi-detached
House, secluded situation outskirts of
small market town. Good well-furnished
garden, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms,
Garage, stable. Main electricity, water, etc.
Good sporting centre. Vacant possession.
Freehold—Box 4719.

DEVON. Torbay 3½ miles, near lower
reaches River Dart. Delightful old-world
Cottage (circa 1700 with addition). Complete
rural seclusion and singularly beautiful
southerly outlook. 4 bedrooms, dressing
room, bathroom, 2 large reception, kitchen,
scullery. Garage. ½ acre old-fashioned garden.
Present hands 20 years. Freehold £4,500.—
COOKSLEY, Auctioneers, Paignton.

DEVON. "Twixt Exmouth and Exeter."
On the outskirts of a picturesque village,
an architecturally designed freehold modern
Detached Residence with delightful views, and
standing in grounds of about 1 acre. Hall,
cloakrooms (basin, separate w.c.), lounge,
dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, 4 bed-
rooms, half-tiled bathroom, w.c. Brick-built
garage with sliding doors and loft over. Main
electricity and water, modern drainage.
£6,250 (or near offer). Folio S.1424.—Apply,
Exmouth Office. See below.

DEVON. Charming converted Detached
Cottage, with diamond-leaded windows and
Gothic porch, delightfully situated overlooking
Cumle Valley. Containing 3 double bedrooms,
bathroom, 2 reception rooms, kitchen. Main
electricity and water. Septic tank drainage.
Telephone. Garage and garden comprising
½ acre. Price £4,200 freehold. Folio S.4181.—
Apply, Honiton Office. See below.

DEVON COAST. Highly attractive Detached
Freehold Residence, being labour-saving in
every degree, standing in elevated position,
facing due south, close to shops, promenade
and churches of all denominations, enjoying
glorious sea views. Soundly constructed of
brick with an excellent tiled and boarded roof.
Accommodation comprises: 2 reception rooms,
usual offices, 4 good bedrooms, ultra-modern
bathroom. All main services. Good-sized
garage. Well kept lawns, flower borders, and
young orchard, standing in approximately
just over ½ acre of ground. Price £5,900 free-
hold or near offer. Vacant possession on
completion. Folio S.637.—Apply, Seaton
Office. See below.

Full particulars of the above, together with
particulars of properties in Devon, Dorset and
the Western Counties generally, can be
obtained from **PERRELL, DANIELL AND
MORELL**, Seaton (Tel. 117), Exmouth (Tel.
3775), Honiton (Tel. 404) and Sidmouth
(Tel. 958).

DEVONSHIRE. Genuine Tudor stone-
built Residence, 2 miles main line station.
Over 500 ft. a.s.l. on village outskirts. South
and west aspects. Panelled entrance hall,
Tudor hall with original oak raftered roof and
minstrel's gallery, 2 reception rooms, gun
room, compact offices (Aga), 6 bed and dress-
ing rooms, 2 bathrooms. Central heating.
Main electricity now being connected. Double
garage. Stabling and other buildings. Pleasing
garden. Pasture land, about 6 acres. Free-
hold £2,250.—Details (Ref. 8298) from Sole
Agents: RICKARD, GREEN & MICHELMORE,
82, Queen Street, Exeter.

FOR SALE—contd.

FARNHAM. In delightful position. Attractive,
modern, architect-designed Residence,
bulld of brick and tile. 5 bedrooms (all
with basins), bathroom, separate w.c., 3
reception rooms, cloakroom, large kitchen.
Double garage. Summerhouse, etc. All main
services, including power and central heating.
Oak flooring throughout. Over 2 acres deligh-
tful garden and grounds. Price freehold £7,000.
—Fuller details of the Auctioneer: A. V.
SYMONDS, A.V.A., 151, Victoria Road, Alder-
shot. Tel. 1706.

FOLKESTONE. 2½ miles. Charming De-
tached Bungalow in superb open position.
3 bedrooms, large lounge (20 ft. by 14 ft.),
verandah, kitchen, bathroom, 3-4 acres garden,
partly orchard. Freehold for sale £4,650 or
offer. Apply, GILKES & PARTNERS, 2, Hans
Road, S.W.3. Ken. 0066.

GIRVAN. For Sale by private bargain.
"Ayrville." Golf course. Ideal situation,
facing sea. Contains 2 public rooms, 3 bed-
rooms, kitchenette, bathroom and back yard
suitable for garage. Front and back garages.
Assessed £38. Feuduty £1 5s. 9d. Immediate
occupation.—Apply: MURRAY & TAIT, Soli-
citors, Girvan, Tel. 3118.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE. 500 ft. above sea
level with a panoramic view over one of
the most beautiful spots in the Wye Valley,
stands a double-gabled 17th-century con-
verted farmhouse, carefully modernised.
Electric light, Aga cooker, telephone, 3
reception rooms, 4 good sized bedrooms, large
bathroom. Garage for 4 cars. Garden, orchard
and 2 fields. Total area, 8 acres. A small
cottage residence is included with 2 reception
rooms, 3 bedrooms and bathroom. Vacant
possession of the whole. For quick sale,
£5,250 will secure.—Sole Agents: W. HUGHES
AND SON, 1, Unity Street, College Green,
Bristol, 1 (Tel. 20710).

GREENFIELDS. Astwood Bank (Birming-
ham 16 miles), Gent's Det. Modern Res. of
mellow rustic brick, beautifully appointed.
first-rate order: 4 beds., 2 rec., bathroom,
excellent offices. Large garage. Lovely garden
¾ acre. Main e.l. and water. Sale privately or
Auction September.—BILLINGS & SONS, 54,
Wincombe Street, Cheltenham.

HANTS. Lynton district. Convenient
sailing, forest, sea. Small country
Cottage Residence, 3 reception rooms, 3 bed-
rooms, 2 bathrooms. Lovely garden setting.
2½ acres. Paddock. £5,500.—LEWIS AND
BACOCK, 40, High Street, Lynton, Hants.

HANTS. Overlooking Hamble River,
panoramic dining hall, 4 reception rooms, 3 bed-
rooms and dressing rooms, 3 bathrooms, 3-roomed
annexe, staff's suite. Central heating. Aga
cooker. Main electricity and water. Garage for
3. Greenhouses. Attractive garden of
2 acres. £7,500 freehold.—R. H. HARVEY,
F.A.I.P.A., Auctioneer, 5, The Corn Market,
Romsey, Tel. 3205.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Imposing

Detached Residence, having 145 ft.
frontage, on crest of Harrow Hill. Main and
secondary staircases. Accommodation: 2½
lounge, 24 ft. dining room, study, morning
room, 30 ft. billiard room, 12 bedrooms and
service rooms. Coach house with living
accommodation, stabling and garage. ½ acre
grounds with walled kitchen garden and
greenhouse. Large conservatory. Freehold
£10,750, or without coach house £7,500.
Eminently suitable private residence, nursing
home, school, club, guest house or for con-
version into flats.—Particulars and photo-
graphs from BARR & MEAD, 202, Northolt
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HATCH END. Delightfully positioned; an
immaculate character Residence, entirely
modern in conception and design and set in a
lovely garden of about 1 acre. Lounge hall,
2 magnificent reception rooms, 4-5 bedrooms,
usual offices, well appointed kitchen, separate
servants' or nursery wing. Double garage.
Centrally heated throughout. Altogether a
most distinguished residence for the dis-
criminating buyer. £10,500 freehold. P.1284.
—Full particulars, STIMPSON, LOCK & VINCE,
Pinner Village Estate Office. Tel. 127-8.

HATCH END. In about 2½ acres tastefully
modernised 5-bed Residence on 2 floors
with double garage. Bordered green belt.
A distinguished house for private residence or
professional man. Freehold £8,250. P.1182.
PINNER VILLAGE. Delightful Character
House of historic association: 5 principal bed-
rooms, 4 reception rooms, excellent offices.
Garage, over 1 acre garden. In enviable
position close village. Met. station and all
amenities. Freehold £10,000. P.1284.

HATCH END. In select residential position,
superb Detached House, 4 principal bed-
rooms and 2 secondary, lounge, dining room
and sun lounge (all communicating), usual
offices. Garage. About 1 acre lovely garden.
Freehold £7,000. P.1316.

IRELAND. BATTERSBY & Co. Estate
Agents (Est. 1815). 15, Westmorland
Street, Dublin. Have Sporting Properties
and Residential Farms available for sale or
letting.

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COUNTRY LIFE

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JULY 27, 1951

KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY

WEST KENT

In beautiful country 7 miles from Tunbridge Wells.



A CHARMING COUNTRY HOUSE OF CHARACTER, dating from the 16th century, enlarged and modernised and in excellent order.

Lounge hall with original Tudor staircase, 4 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Self-contained staff flat. Central heating. Main electricity and water. Septic tank drainage.

3 Garages.

First-rate Cottage with bathroom.

Delightful grounds with lawns, rock and rose gardens, also vegetable and fruit garden, old apple orchard. The property is bounded by a stream.



ABOUT 8 ACRES. PRICE £9,500 FREEHOLD

Sole Agents: Messrs. LAMBERT & SYMES, Estate Offices, Paddock Wood, Kent and KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Sq., W.1. (25,469)

ADJOINING UNSPOILT WILTSHIRE VILLAGE

10 miles from Salisbury and Andover (London under 1½ hours).

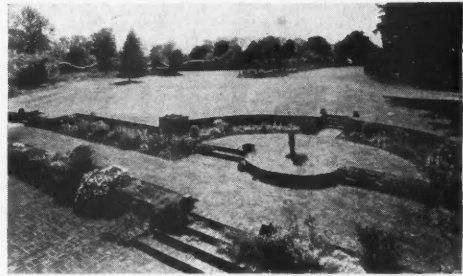


A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN ANNE MANOR HOUSE, built of mellowed red brick with tiled roof, carefully restored and modernised, and in excellent order throughout.

Lounge hall, 3 reception rooms, 6 principal bed and dressing rooms, 4 staff rooms, 4 bathrooms. Central heating. Main water and electricity. Septic tank drainage. Garage. Stabling.

3 Cottages. Farm Buildings.

Charming gardens and grounds shaded by matured trees, lawns, flower and kitchen gardens, grass and arable land.



ABOUT 26 ACRES. Additional 24 acres probably available. FOR SALE FREEHOLD.

Sole Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Square, W.1. (44,957)

BUCKS—18 MILES FROM LONDON

1 mile from station. Close to bus route.

A SMALL ESTATE OF ABOUT 40 ACRES WITH A CHARMING MODERNISED REGENCY HOUSE AND HOME FARM



The House occupies a delightfully secluded position in a park-like setting with pleasant views. Extremely well-equipped, in first-rate order. 3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, bathroom, compact modern kitchen premises. Main electricity, gas, water. Septic tank drainage.

Garage and stabling. 3 Cottages.

Range of Farm Buildings.

Well-wooded gardens and grounds with lawns, banks of rhododendrons and other flowering shrubs, kitchen garden, orchard and excellent grassland.



FOR SALE FREEHOLD ABOUT 40 ACRES.

Sole Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Square, W.1. (45,092)

By direction of C. H. Mann, Esq.

HAMPSHIRE

6 miles from Basingstoke. Alton 11 miles. Winchester 12 miles. Andover 12 miles. London 54 miles.



CAPITAL T.T. DAIRY AND MIXED HOLDING,

DUMMER DOWN FARM

Medium-sized Queen Anne style House.

Compact homestead with excellent buildings. 6 Cottages.

ABOUT 644 ACRES

VACANT POSSESSION ON COMPLETION



For Sale by Auction at an Early Date (unless previously sold by private treaty).

Solicitors: Messrs. Peacock & Goddard, 6, Aldford Street, Park Lane, W.1.

Auctioneers: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Square, W.1.

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Castle Douglas 6 miles, Auchencrain 1 mile, Dumfries 20 miles. On the lovely seaboard of Auchencrain Bay.

A FINE AGRICULTURAL AND SPORTING PROPERTY, ORCHARDTON ESTATE

EXTENDING IN ALL TO ABOUT 1,511 ACRES
AND INCLUDING

NORTH GLEN FARM

A first-class T.T. Dairy Farm of

ABOUT 137 ACRES

With a good house and adequate steading. With Vacant Possession.

BARR COTTAGE

A well-equipped dwelling house (2 reception rooms, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, etc.) and 2 ACRES of land.

With Vacant Possession.



Will be offered for Sale by Auction (unless previously sold by private treaty), The Station Hotel, Dumfries, on Friday, August 10, 1951.
Solicitors: Messrs. PATRICK GIFFORD & CO., Royal Bank Offices, Castle Douglas (Tel. 273-4). Auctioneers: Messrs. JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, 14-15, Bond Street, Leeds 1 (Tel. 31941-2-3).

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IN ALL ABOUT 6½ ACRES

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Extending to approximately 3,400 ACRES and including

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Garage. Excellent Cottage.



The gardens and grounds are charmingly disposed but quite inexpensive. There are banks of rhododendrons, lawns, rose garden, kitchen gardens, orchard and grassland.

ABOUT 17 ACRES

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Garage for 2 cars. 2 Cottages.



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ABOUT 9 ACRES

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Facing south and having unspoilt views.



Exceptionally attractive Modern House

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Garage for 3.

Charming, easily maintained gardens.

In all about 2 Acres

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

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An excellent position on the outskirts of this charming Cathedral town.



An attractive, well-fitted Modern House.

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Well laid-out gardens and grounds comprising lawns, herbaceous borders, excellent hard tennis court. Productive kitchen garden. Small orchard and paddock.

In all about 2 Acres. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

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Exceptionally attractive, well timbered garden, easily maintained and amply stocked. Kitchen garden. Greenhouse. Orchard.

IN ALL 3 ACRES

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

PRICE £4,950

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With lovely views over the Cheviot Hills.

The stone-built Residence is in good order and occupies a sheltered position facing south.

Hall, 3 public rooms, 10 bedrooms (6 principal), 2 bathrooms. Central heating, separate hot water supply, electric light, well water supply, stabling, garage.

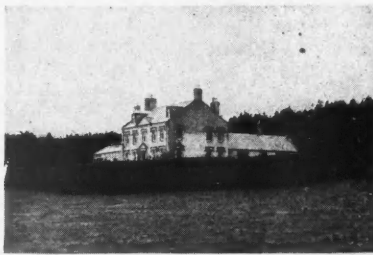
FARMHOUSE

AND 4 COTTAGES.

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GARAGE

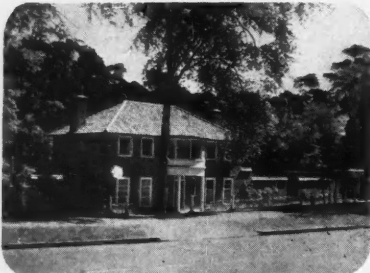
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2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, compact offices.

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2 GARAGES

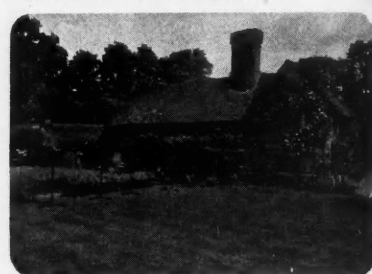
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Water.

GARAGE.

Charming gardens of **ABOUT 1½ ACRES** with orchard and paddock.

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beautifully appointed and in first-class order.

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All main services. 2 Garages
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A CHARMING HOUSE OF GREAT CHARACTER



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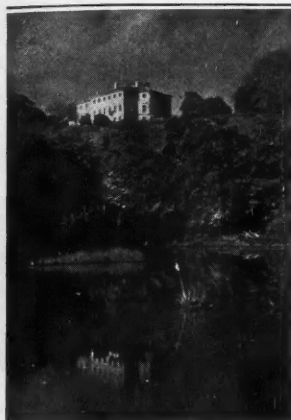
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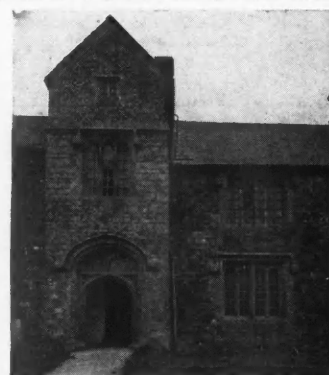
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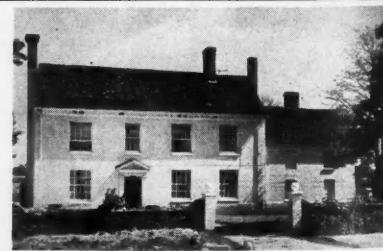
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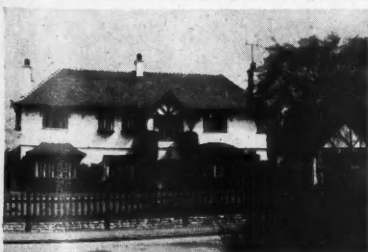
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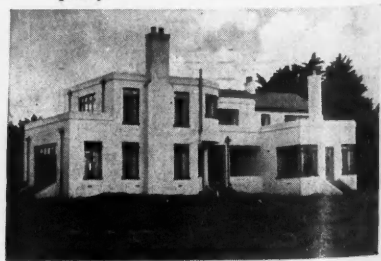
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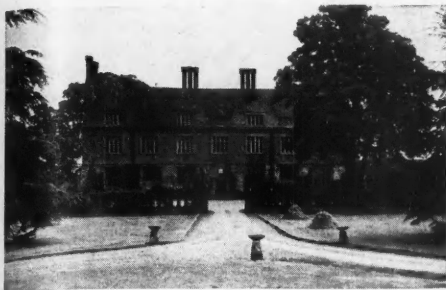
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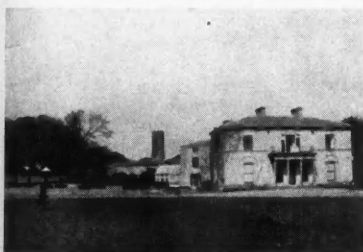
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VACANT POSSESSION

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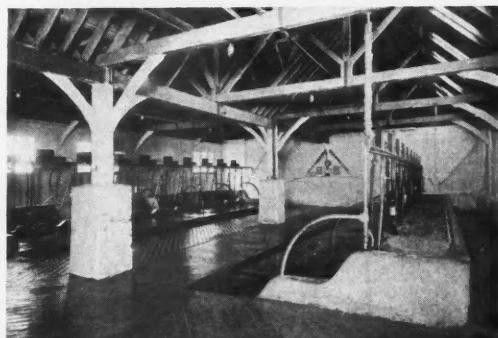
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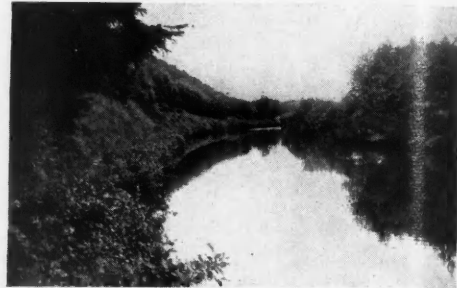


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Occupying a unique position in this very favourite residential district.

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Garage. Stabling. Conservatory and other useful buildings.

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Comprising

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5 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, usual offices and 2¼ ACRES

The excellent range of loose boxes, outbuildings and staff accommodation, together with paddocks and downland of about 19½ ACRES.

The bungalow and outbuildings with about 3¼ ACRES



IN ALL ABOUT 25 ACRES with additional gallops of 52½ ACRES if required.

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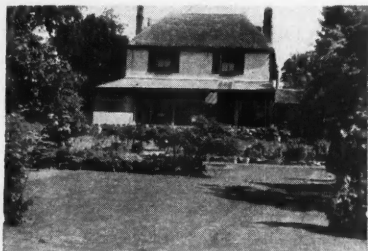
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CHARMING REGENCY-STYLE HOUSE

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GARAGE.

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Entrance hall, 3 reception rooms, billiards room, gun room, 7 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 boxrooms, garage, stabling, 2 cottages.

Inexpensive grounds, tennis court, the whole extending to

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COAST

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PICTURESQUE MODERN RESIDENCE



2 large reception rooms, breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

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Enjoying wide views over undulating country. 3 reception, good kitchen with Aga, 4 bedrooms (2 fitted basins), bathroom. Garage, outbuildings.

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2 GARAGES.

CENTRAL HEATING.

MAIN SERVICES.

Very lovely inexpensive gardens with tennis and other lawns, productive orchard and useful paddock.

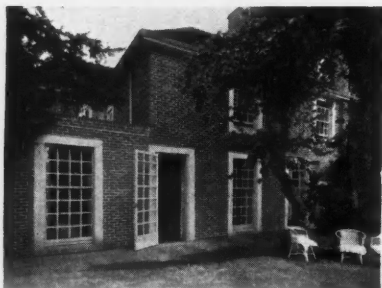
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On 2 floors only. 3 or 4 reception rooms, games room, 7 or 9 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms.

CENTRAL HEATING
MAIN SERVICES

Garage for 3 cars with splendid flat over with 4 rooms, kitchen and bathroom.

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OF SPECIAL APPEAL TO LOVERS OF A BEAUTIFUL NATURAL GARDEN



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In first-class condition: 3 reception rooms, 5 principal and 2 secondary bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Central heating.

Main services.

Garage for 3 cars.

SUPERIOR COTTAGE

Boathouse on canal.

Inexpensive gardens of great natural beauty with masses of flowering evergreen trees and shrubs. Unique water garden. Quantities of fruit. Many other features.

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Delightfully Designed Residence of Character.

Well equipped for labour-saving.

Oak floors.

3 reception rooms, 6 principal bedrooms with fitted basins, 3 maids' bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Central heating.

Main services.

Garage for 2 or 3 cars with 2 rooms over.

Delightful gardens providing private access to the golf course.



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DELIGHTFULLY DESIGNED AND SUPERBLY APPOINTED MODERN RESIDENCE

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CENTRAL HEATING.

Fitted basins in Bedrooms. Aga cooker.

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Modern drainage and up-to-date sanitary fittings.

Unusually good outbuildings including 2 BRICK-BUILT GARAGES for 3 cars, 2 loose boxes, tool and wood sheds, workshop.

Well laid out gardens and grounds inexpensive to maintain, but forming a lovely setting. Fine lawn large enough for 2 tennis courts. Partly walled fruit garden, orchard and useful paddock.

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Surrounded by farmlands in triangle of Alton, Alresford and Basingstoke. Excellent train service to Waterloo.

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Fully modernised, cream washed and newly decorated. 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. MAIN SERVICES. Electric cooker; refrigerator; immersion heater. LARGE GARAGE. Harness room, barn with 2 cow ties and loose box, pig sty, hen house.

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LOVELY HASLEMERE DISTRICT

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FASCINATING SMALL GEORGIAN COTTAGE RESIDENCE

Skillfully restored by architect. Bright and cheerful interior with plenty of space. Well protected position overlooking parklands. Hall and cloakroom, 2 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, bathroom. MAIN SERVICES. Interesting old barn converted into garage space for 2 or 3 cars. Partly walled gardens, NEARLY 1 ACRE, £6,775.

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With spacious and well proportioned interior and excellent condition throughout.

Hall and cloak, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, plus a charming flat with living room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette. ALL MAIN SERVICES. Garage for 2 cars. Well stocked pleasure and kitchen garden.

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SOUND VALUE AT £5,850

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WEST SUSSEX COAST

Delightful situation on outskirts of charming old village 50 yards from the sea and fine sandy beach. Ideal safe bathing. Tennis, riding and golf course near at hand.

DELIGHTFULLY DESIGNED MODERN RESIDENCE

Hall and cloakroom, 2 splendid reception rooms, loggia, 5 bedrooms, bathroom. CENTRAL HEATING. MAIN SERVICES. GARAGE. Secluded matured garden with wrought iron gate giving access to the beach.

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A GEORGIAN PERIOD RESIDENCE

Beautifully situated in country position on outskirts of town.

3 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, maid's sitting room.

Perfectly equipped domestic quarters.

CHARMING GARDENER'S COTTAGE

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Kitchen garden. Glasshouses. Beautifully timbered grounds, terraced garden, orchard, paddock.

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Land comprises 55 acres (25 pasture, 25 arable and about 5 acres woodland).

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Inexpensive yet prolific garden of great charm with many fruit trees and spring bulbs and nearly 300 rose bushes, including choice varieties; pond; rock garden. Vegetable and soft fruit garden with cage.

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Lovely gardens, together with pastureland. IN ALL ABOUT 12 ACRES

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Useful buildings. ABOUT 48 ACRES of rich pastureland.

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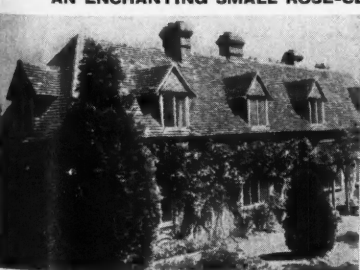
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Skillfully converted and modernised and in perfect order throughout.

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Old-world, completely secluded garden.

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FINE OLD MODERNISED STONE-BUILT HOUSE

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MODERN BUILDINGS, including nearly new milking parlour.

2 good Cottages.

Approximately

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MAIN ELECTRICITY

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FOR SALE

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ATTRACTIVE GEORGIAN-STYLE RESIDENCE



Hall, 4 reception, 10 bed-
rooms and dressing room,
4 bathrooms.

Newly decorated
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COTTAGE

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3 BATHROOMS

MAIN ELECTRICITY

CENTRAL HEATING

Outbuildings. 3 Garages. Garden and
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3 ACRES

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in this lovely village.

3 RECEPTION ROOMS,

3 BEDROOMS,

BATHROOM.

Stone-built garage.

Charming garden.

ALL MAIN SERVICES



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4 bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, downstairs cloak-
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ALL MAIN SERVICES

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POWER THROUGHOUT. CENTRAL HEATING

Range stone-built stabling and garage.

Delightful garden and paddock.

IN ALL ABOUT 4 ACRES

POSSESSION. FREEHOLD

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*On high ground in rural setting. Main Line Station 3 miles.
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CHARMING COUNTRY COTTAGE Modernised and
in excellent order. 2-3 bed (2 basins), bath, 1-2 reception,
cloakroom, offices, central heating. Garage. **½ ACRE.**

FREEHOLD £4,000 (OR NEAR OFFER)

VACANT POSSESSION

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*Commanding magnificent southerly views. Close to village.
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PICTURESQUE 16th-CENTURY COUNTRY COTTAGE RESIDENCE

Completely restored and containing many period features.
3 bedrooms (2 fitted basins), bathroom, 2 reception rooms,
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MAIN SERVICES. MODERN DRAINAGE

Detached garage.

Pair of cottages (let off).

Old-world garden, orchard and meadows.

IN ALL APPROX. 5½ ACRES

FREEHOLD £5,950 WITH POSSESSION

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BETWEEN FARNHAM AND FLEET

*Pleasantly situated off a private road within easy reach of
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FIRST-CLASS MODERN HOUSE

6 bedrooms (5 fitted basins), 2 bathrooms, 3 reception
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CENTRAL HEATING

Main water, electric light and power.

Garage. Greenhouse.

Grounds of **ABOUT 1½ ACRES**

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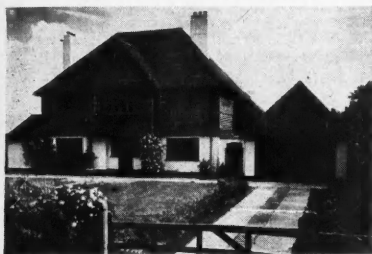
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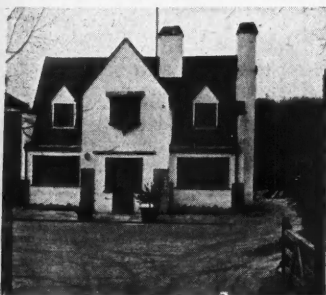
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7 bed and dressing rooms,
3 luxuriously appointed
bathrooms, 2 reception
rooms. Staff flat.

ALL MAIN SERVICES

CENTRAL HEATING

DOUBLE GARAGE

Unusually attractive grounds of 2 ACRES.

Owner's Agents: KING & CHASEMORE, Chartered Surveyors, Horsham, Sussex
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BETWEEN HORSHAM & HAYWARDS HEATH

In lovely country in absolutely rural surroundings.

A MOST DELIGHTFUL 16th-CENTURY COTTAGE

3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2
reception rooms.

GARAGE

OWN ELECTRICITY

MAIN WATER

FOR SALE FREEHOLD
WITH 1¼ ACRES
or with 13 ACRES
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CHIPSTEAD, SURREY. One of the loveliest parts of Surrey. 500 feet up, surrounded by open country yet only 35 minutes Hyde Park Corner. Very lovely **MODERN COTTAGE** (secluded) in grounds **OVER 2 ACRES.** Ten minutes' walk two stations. 5 bedrooms, 3 reception, oak panelled hall and dining room. Brick garage, greenhouse. **URGENT SALE.** All serious offers considered; this will prove to be a bargain for someone. **FREEHOLD.** (Folio 11,377-27)

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LONG LOW MODERN RESIDENCE in unique retired position, yet only 10 minutes station, with fast trains Waterloo in 35 minutes. 3 reception, hall, cloaks, 7 bedrooms (all one floor), 2 bathrooms, first-rate offices. Oak floors. Double garage. Perfect garden **2 ACRES.** (Folio 11,425-27)

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Standing in unusually colourful prolific gardens with panoramic views of South Downs.



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Compact offices equivalent
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Aga cooker.

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CENTRAL HEATING
and domestic hot water.

Garage for 4.

Stabling for 2.

Cottage.

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A VALUABLE MIXED FARM

comprising:

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Useful buildings, pair of
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with

VACANT POSSESSION
of the whole.

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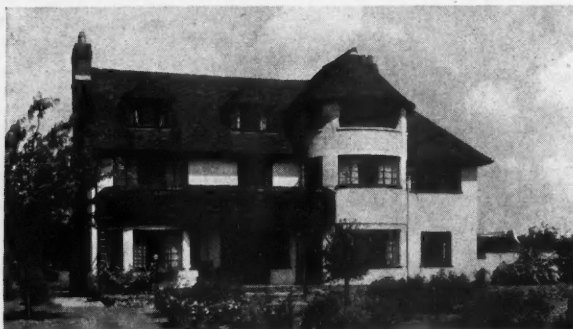
HAMPSHIRE—WEST SUSSEX BORDERS
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Situated on outskirts of attractive Market Town within easy access of London.

TWO COTTAGES. EXCELLENT FARM
BUILDING. TYINGS FOR 42 COWS.

90 ACRES.

MAIN ELECTRICITY AND WATER.

MODERN ARCHITECT DESIGNED
GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE



Built 1938. 6-7 bedrooms. Double garage.
Established grounds **ABOUT 2 ACRES**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
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17 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms.
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Domestic offices.

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Septic tank drainage.

Grounds of about 5 ACRES

£6,000

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In rural unspoilt position convenient for main line station.



Ideal Subject for Modernisation.

CHARMING TUDOR FARMHOUSE

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AN ATTRACTIVE PERIOD COTTAGE

with white-washed brick elevations.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.
Lounge 23 ft. by 16 ft., dining room 20 ft. by 16 ft.

Offices.

MAIN SERVICES

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GENUINE OLD-WORLD DETACHED COTTAGE

in quiet country lane, adjacent meadowland, retaining rural atmosphere and charm.
Large hall, delightful beamed lounge, dining room, cloakroom, kitchen, 3 bedrooms,
2 bathrooms, separate w.c. Detached garage.

Well stocked gardens of ¾ ACRE
FREEHOLD £5,500

H/2812

PETWORTH, SUSSEX (NEAR)

Situate in beautiful grounds this
ATTRACTIVE BRICK AND TILED COTTAGE
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MAIN ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER.
(54 miles from London.)

FREEHOLD £2,000

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AN ATTRACTIVE DETACHED RESIDENCE
In secluded surroundings.

Accommodation comprises: 5 bedrooms, 4 reception rooms, cloakroom, kitchen.
Garage. Greenhouse. Ornamental garden. Fuel stores. Potting sheds.

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bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.
Main water. Electricity.
Modern drainage.

Fine barn, outbuildings and
garage. Delightful well-
kept garden. Kitchen
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ABOUT 9½ ACRES

**VACANT POSSESSION
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Lounge hall, 2 reception rooms (with oak sliding doors to form one apartment), sun
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FULL CENTRAL HEATING AND MAIN SERVICES.
Secluded garden of ½ ACRE. **FOR SALE FREEHOLD**
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Close to golf course.

MOST ATTRACTIVE MODERN DETACHED HOUSE

Hall with cloakroom, lounge (20 ft. by 12 ft.) with french doors to garden, dining
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2 reception rooms, study or maid's sitting room, 4 bedrooms (all with basins),
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A MAGNIFICENT SMALL MODERN RESIDENCE

*with extensive Chann'l views and standing in sheltered ground with a south slope. Built
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THE RESIDENCE is ap-
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(shared in common with
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accommodation: 3 bed-
rooms, bathroom, dining
room, lounge, hall and
drawing room, 2 w.c.s. with
convenient domestic offices.
Outside is a brick and
thatched garage, and the
gardens and grounds are
tastefully laid out and
maintained and planted
with a great variety of fruit,
conifers and flowering
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to **ABOUT 1 ACRE**

Main electricity, gas, water
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Situate 800 feet up adjoining National Trust Land and close to Minchinhampton Golf Course. 2 miles from Stroud (Paddington 2 hours.)

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Hall, cloakroom, 2 reception rooms, sun parlour, 5 bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, attic bedroom and boxroom. Main electricity, gas and water. Matured grounds. Pasture paddock. Garage. In all **OVER 3 ACRES**
For Sale privately or Auction in September.

COTSWOLDS

Occupying a hillside position at Woodchester near the Dominican Church and with easy access to Stroud, Cheltenham and Bath.

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Lounge hall, 2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, 2 attic rooms. Main electricity, gas, water and drainage. Charming garden. Garage. Orchard. In all **ONE ACRE**
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COTSWOLDS

800 feet up on the edge of Minchinhampton Common and Golf Course and 4 miles from Stroud (Paddington 2 hours.)

THE REDDINGS



Hall, cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, domestic offices with Aga cooker, 6 bedrooms (3 with basins h. and c.), 2 bathrooms, 3 attic rooms. Main electricity and water. Well-timbered grounds. Garage and stable. Pasture field. In all **NEARLY 5 ACRES**
For Sale privately or Auction in September.

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BETWEEN HASLEMERE AND THE COAST

Close to picturesque village and within easy reach of Midhurst and Petersfield.

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Fully restored and modernised yet retaining the genuine features, including wealth of oak panelling and floors. Stone and brick fireplaces, etc.



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IN ALL ABOUT 9½ ACRES

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The property, which is one of a pair, is in excellent order.

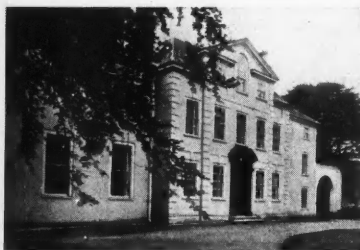
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4 reception rooms, 5-6 bedrooms, dressing rooms, 2 bathrooms, adequate staff accommodation. Main water, electricity and gas supplies. Well-kept gardens. excellent tennis court.

Chauffeur-gardener available and willing to offer services.

Garage for 2 cars.

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Plus modern conveniences.

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IN ALL 2 ACRES



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5 minutes station.

Select district.
Accommodation
4 reception rooms,
4½ bedrooms,
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Offices.
GARAGE.
MAIN SERVICES.
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ONE ACRE



Beautiful gardens with tennis lawn and greenhouse.

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Garaging. Useful outbuildings.

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CHARMING WOODLAND GROUNDS OF

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COMPANY'S ELECTRICITY. ALL MAIN SERVICES

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In a choice residential locality.

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2 GARAGES

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155 ft. river frontage.

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13 MILES SOUTH OF SHREWSBURY

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Entrance hall, 3 reception rooms, cloakroom, 6 principal bedrooms, bathroom, etc. Main water, electricity and drainage. Garage and other premises.

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STREAM and ORNAMENTAL SHEET OF WATER

well stocked with mature brown and rainbow trout.



Total area ABOUT 4 ACRES. The whole in good repair.

House and Garden would be sold separately, if required.

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A highly productive attested Farm,

extending to

ABOUT 300 ACRES

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THE MAGNIFICENT MODERNISED BUILDINGS

include cow house for 46, with tubular fittings, excellent dairy, bull pens, 2 further Shippens (tie 12), grain room with dryer, implement shed, hay barn (62 ft. by 19 ft.), silos (160 tons), calves houses, pig pens, fattening pens, etc., all grouped around 3 large concrete yards.

MAIN ELECTRICITY.

MAIN WATER.

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With a wealth of interesting features.

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Simple gardens. Valuable stable block.

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AN UNUSUALLY CHARMING SMALL COTTAGE RESIDENCE

Close to the centre; especially suitable for retirement.

Large bedroom with dressing room and modern bathroom adjoining. Attractive lounge with beamed ceiling and open fireplace. Arched dining recess.

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ENTRANCE HALL,
3 RECEPTION ROOMS,
4 PRINCIPAL BEDROOMS AND DRESSING ROOM (with fitted washbasin),
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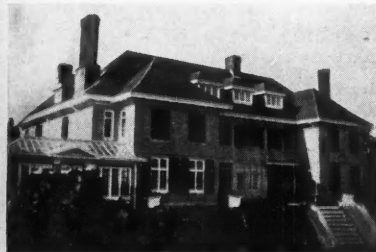
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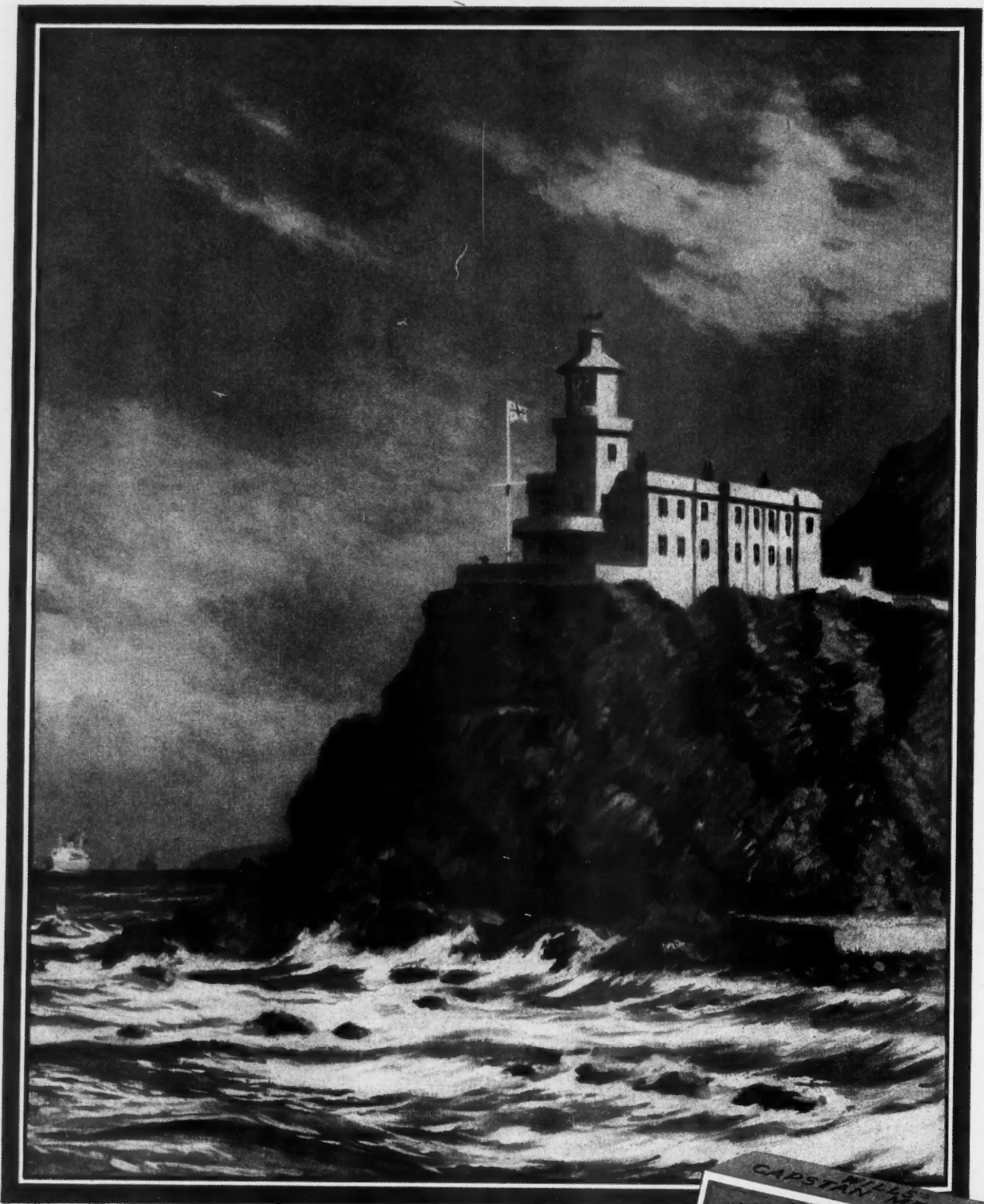
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Hartland Point, BRISTOL CHANNEL

This present-day lighthouse, situated on the North Coast of Devon, is one of the most important lights on the Bristol Channel. Although built on the mainland, it caused Trinity House some little anxiety at one time.

Standing at the end of a narrow isthmus at the foot of the cliffs, it is open to the full force of the sea, which seriously threatened the security of the whole plateau. Temporary protection was afforded by breaking away the over-hanging upper cliffs and piling them on the beach below to act as a breakwater, but they were soon washed away in the north-westerly gales during Spring tides and eventually a sea wall, faced with stone and reinforced with concrete, was built up from the foreshore.



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MRS. N. D. CAMPBELL

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THE CITY CHURCHES

THE future of the City churches, which has for long presented so difficult a problem, has been brought at length within sight of permanent solution, if not indeed conclusively solved, by the constructive and imaginative final proposals of the Bishop of London and the Diocesan Reorganisation Committee, issued last week. The scheme has been agreed by all authorities concerned, and no doubt the necessary private Act of Parliament, required to round off the powers existing for the rearrangement of parishes, will be forthcoming. The only qualifications remaining must be the substantive ones—of finance, materials, and workmanship—and the practical support forthcoming for the most original of the proposals, that for establishing Guild churches. It is this latter which gives to the scheme a general interest as great as the architectural interest that primarily concerns us here.

To take the second first, the final plan has succeeded in finding means for retaining 40, probably 42, of the 46 existing parish churches—the great majority of which are, however, more or less severely damaged. Only four will not be restored—none of them of the first importance: St. Stephen, Coleman Street, St. Alban, Wood Street, St. Mildred, Bread Street, and St. Alphege, London Wall (already demolished). Two, St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe and St. Mary Aldermanbury, in 1949 provisionally listed for demolition, are reprieved. The 24 parish churches which are to be retained as such include many of the finest or most historic, among them: All Hallows-by-the-Tower, St. Andrew Undershaft, the St. Bartholomews (Great and Less), St. Bride, St. Magnus, St. Helen, St. Margaret, Lothbury, St. Mary-at-Hill, St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Michael, and St. Peter, Cornhill, St. Olave, Hart Street, St. Sepulchre, St. Stephen, Walbrook, and St. Vedast. St. Lawrence Jewry will be rebuilt as soon as possible to become the official church of the City Corporation, forming part of the new precincts of the Guildhall; St. Augustine, Watling Street, will be incorporated in the new St. Paul's choir school; and it is suggested that Christ Church, Newgate Street (badly damaged), may be rebuilt as central diocesan offices.

The remaining 15 are provided for by the notable proposals devised to meet the problem of the City's having a preponderantly daytime and week-day, but none the less potentially interested, population. It is to be met by establishing "guild churches," based not on a territorial parish, but on voluntary membership. Baptisms and marriages may be solemnized in them, and their vicars, appointed for fixed terms, will be chosen both for their ability to maintain an effective ministry among City workers and for their scholarship or preaching or other special gifts. Guild or parish churches may also become Ward churches, in the established meaning of that term, and so be the

ecclesiastical centres of the City's traditional civic divisions.

The churches designated for guild use are almost all notable buildings, the disappearance of which would have been an architectural disaster, and in which the guild-members can take spontaneous pride. They are Hawksmoor's St. Mary Woolnoth, the Wren Gothic St. Mary Aldermary, Dance's All Hallows, London Wall, St. Margaret Pattens, St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, the lovely little St. Martin, Ludgate, St. Katharine Cree (rebuilt by Archbishop Laud), St. Michael Paternoster Royal, St. Andrew, Holborn, St. Botolph, Aldersgate, St. Dunstan-in-the-West, the tiny Gothic St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate, St. Mary Aldermanbury, domed St. Mary Abchurch, and the elegant brick-built St. Benet, Paul's Wharf. Some of these already possess particular con-

HUMMING-BIRD HAWK MOTH

WITH innocent innate
Necessity of greed
It groped its daily inch or two
To fatten on a weed:
Till, come to moth's estate,
Streaking the wind it flew
And poised, a static whirr of speed,
To drink the honeydew.

G. ROSTREVOR HAMILTON.

nections, and it is not difficult to visualise others acquiring special ties with religious or secular bodies, civic, national or even overseas organisations. The principle may well, indeed, find wider application in provincial cities with noble but too numerous parish churches, such as York or Worcester or Norwich; and even in country districts where the distribution of population has left many a splendid church far too large for its shrunk congregation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

LAST week's debate on Local Government reform, apart from a general recognition by all political parties that the reform of local government areas and functions was one of the country's most urgent needs, was singularly futile. The House of Commons was told by the Minister of Local Government that its reform was "the type of question regarding which, in a Parliament like the present, with the Government having a narrow majority, comprehensive legislation was not realistic." In other words, the vital problems of how we shall rule ourselves, and by what machinery, can only be conceived and considered on party lines—so Mr. Dalton and other politicians would have us think. Surely, this is nonsense. The problems involved are of a nature to which national party cleavages and affiliations are completely irrelevant, and Sir Malcolm Trustram Eve, the chairman of the lately defunct Local Government Commission, pointed this out after the last election, arguing that among the few advantages of the present even balance of political parties was the possibility of considering the Commission's Report at a round-table conference and of making its proposals the basis for legislation—which, incidentally, need be neither complicated nor lengthy. Such a plan, however, "has no votes in it." And so we are left for an indefinite period with a system of local government under which the produce of a penny rate in one area is £8,600 and in another £16.

JOINT BOARD FOR THE LAKES

IT would appear that county councils sharing National Park areas are still doing their best to water down the "joint board" planning arrangement which is stipulated for by the Act. The three Lake District councils have already applied for "exceptional" treatment and asked for an "advisory planning committee" responsible to themselves. Mr. Dalton has told them firmly that he sees no reason for any "exception," that he is anxious to establish a joint board for the Lakes early next month, and that he would like to have immediately the names of their joint nominees for two-thirds of the seats on the Board. The Ministry's attitude, which was recently reaffirmed, is that the question of

staffing is one which should be left entirely in the hands of each joint board nominated, and which should be considered on its merits, without pre-conceived ideas, when the Board meets. That this is not likely to take place in the Lake District seems evident from the fact that the three county councils concerned have already prepared a plan of action under which the "joint board" will be staffed by their own planning officers, each of these being responsible for that part of the National Park which falls in his own county area. The National Parks Commission has already pointed out that such an arrangement could not be satisfactory, that it merely perpetuates the *status quo* and that the "joint board" itself should appoint a planning officer of its own. Certainly, a "joint board" which relies on three planning officers, each responsible to some other authority and bound to support the interest of that authority, cannot be said to be a planning authority at all.

FUTURE OF THE SOUTH BANK

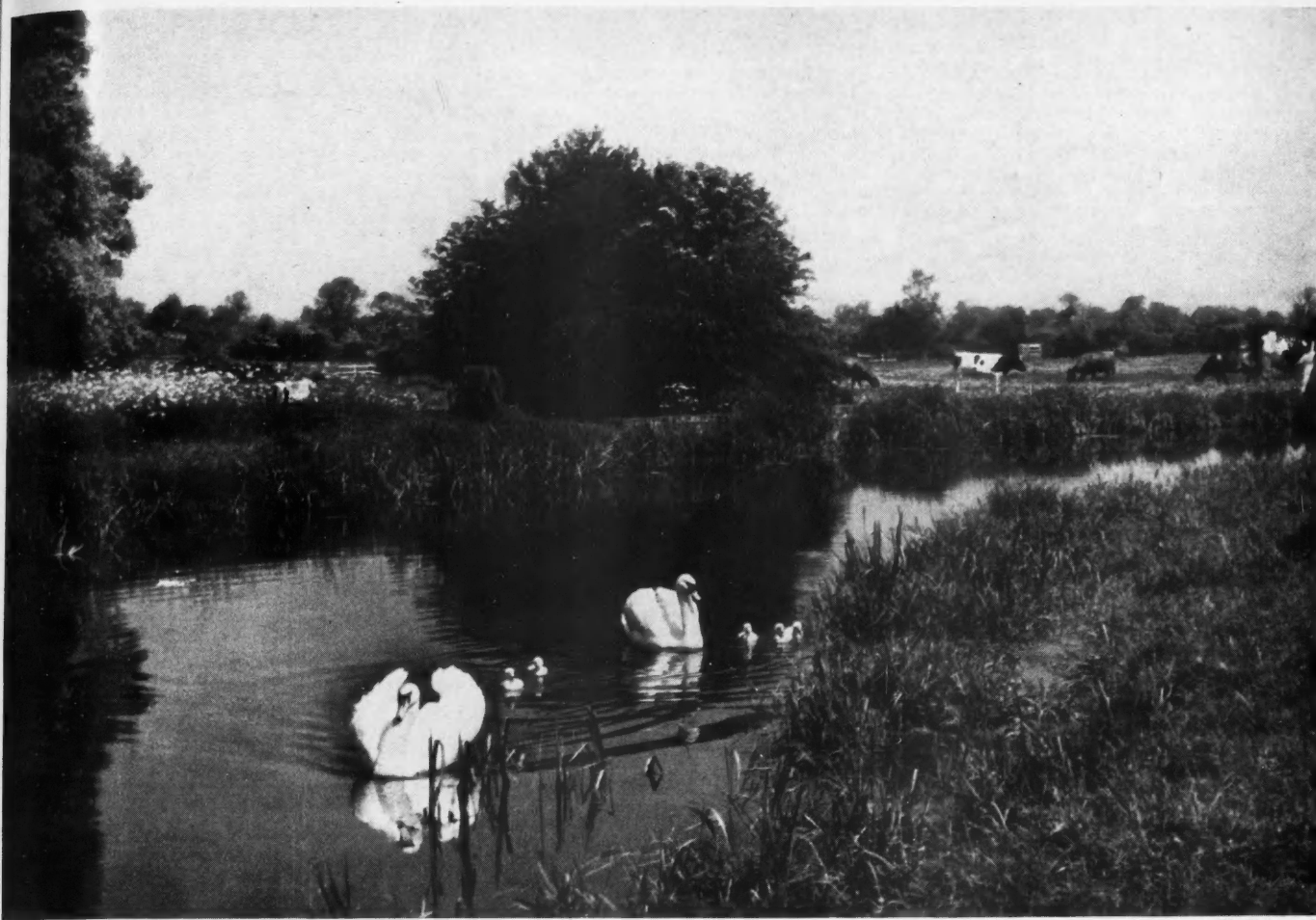
THE cost of rearmament will mean the abandonment of the Government's capital investment plan whereby it was intended, among other things, that the South Bank, after the Festival Exhibition, should be developed by the building of offices, an hotel, and shops. There is, consequently, a danger that the area which has been reclaimed at considerable expense from slum will relapse into something no better. Even if the existence of the Festival Gardens is not prolonged, as we hope it will be, their area will simply revert to park. But at Lambeth, unless a considered plan is put into effect, the temporary buildings will either grow shabby, or be removed and nothing put in their place. That would have a depressing effect upon the fortunes of the permanent buildings—the Concert Hall, and the National Theatre which is to be built—besides creating an eyesore of unrivalled prominence. The possibilities should be examined now of converting, say, for five years, the bulk of the exhibition area into public gardens, and some of the buildings for appropriate uses.

HARVEST HOPES

SUN and heat in July have brought the cereal crops to maturity more quickly and with better promise of fair yields than anyone would have forecast six weeks ago. The wheat acreage is smaller than usual, mainly because of the prolonged harvest last autumn and the impossibility of seeding a full acreage then. To make amends the spring wheat has grown strongly and, strangely enough, some crops which were not sown until early May look as well as any. The barley crops, also exceptionally late-sown, will not be heavy, but with dry harvesting weather in August the quality should satisfy the maltsters and brewers. Some of the best crops are on the chalk soils, which sustain growth even in the driest summer. Potatoes and sugar-beet are not so promising and the season has severely checked the pastures.

THE LADIES' TRIUMPH

THE process of having the national conceit knocked out of us has been going on for a good many years now and may sometimes have been highly beneficial, but the American lady professional golfers have surely carried it to cruel lengths. On a long and difficult course, playing on level terms, they beat a team of six of our male amateurs, four of whom have played in the Walker Cup, and not only beat but annihilated them. The men did win two four-somes, but in the singles their score was "as blank as their faces." Gone indeed are the good old days when the men used to give the ladies a half in the annual match at Stoke Poges and win. It is true that for one or two of the best ladies the odds were too liberal; true, also, that the match used to be played at a time of year when the course was long and heavy, and that the tees were invariably placed, with a certain lack of chivalry, to suit the men. Nevertheless, there was the brutal fact that the men always won. And now, on a fast, running course to be sure, the ladies have won playing level, and there is nothing to do about it, nothing but to congratulate and sympathise.



E. W. Tattersall

DEFENDING HIS FAMILY

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By

Major C. S. JARVIS

WHENEVER in the winter I look across hundreds of acres of flooded farm-lands where the water is so deep that only the tops of the hedgerows are showing, I wonder what happens to the mole and how it manages to survive. I have always considered that, like all other animals, the mole could do something in the way of swimming if put to it, but on account of the shape and size of its feet, which are designed solely for subterranean excavation, I did not credit it with being able to do very much more than struggle through the water for a few yards.

A friend tells me that one evening recently, while he was in an anchored yacht at the mouth of the Beaulieu River, in Hampshire, he saw a small black animal swimming against the tide, which was flowing at the rate of about four knots, and at first imagined that it was a water vole. On closer examination he saw that it was a mole and that, despite its stout endeavours with a strong breast-stroke, it was not making much headway towards the shore. Since everyone has a warm spot in his heart for the hard-working little mole, despite its activities on the lawn and in the newly-planted pea-rows, the dinghy was launched as hurriedly as when the cry "man overboard" is raised, and the small wet creature was taken aboard.

SINCE it was inconvenient to put it ashore that evening, it was given a rub down, and afterwards placed in one of the yacht's wooden buckets, with some rags to keep it dry and warm. The lid was then put on the top of the bucket and weighted down with a couple of broomheads, but in the morning it was found that the mole had made its escape, having pushed both the lid and the broomheads off, and had apparently jumped overboard; and it was presumed, or at any rate hoped, that it had reached the shore in safety. This episode, besides affording proof that the mole is not entirely out of its element in

the water, demonstrates the amazing muscular development of its shoulders, which enabled it to push up a weight of some ten pounds.

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ALTHOUGH my various bird books give the impression that the cuckoo is mainly insectivorous, it would probably be more correct to describe it as omnivorous, since in its extreme youth it has of necessity to eat the food provided for it by its foster-parents, which may be strictly vegetarian or entirely animal. Though the hen cuckoo usually inflicts her offspring upon the hedge-sparrow, or one of the small warblers or a wagtail, there seems to be no fixed rule about it, and there was a case recorded this spring of a cuckoo's egg's being found in a wren's nest. The correspondent who reported the occurrence presumably removed the egg to save the small wren from the intolerable burden of having to find food for a bird about ten times her size, but it would be interesting to hear what would happen to a cuckoo if it were hatched in the very circumscribed space inside a wren's nest, the mossy walls of which would be skin-tight around the rapidly-growing bird a week after it left the egg. I always feel extremely sorry for a small warbler or wagtail when I see it trying to find sufficient food for a ravenous young cuckoo which demands rations every minute of the day, but I might experience some satisfaction from the situation if the foster-parent happened to be a magpie. I have never heard of this nest-raiding miscreant being foisted with a young cuckoo, and imagine that, if by chance a magpie found the unexpected egg in her nest, she would accept it as a kindly gesture, and treat it in the way in which she treats the eggs of others.

I THINK I am right in saying that it is unusual for the cuckoo to select a blackbird's nest for her egg, but a reader of COUNTRY LIFE informs me that this year, while she was erecting the netting round the raspberries and currants in her garden, a young cuckoo flew about near her the whole time, and that, judging from its behaviour, it was taking a poor view of the enclosure of the fruit. The following day it was seen to be flying up and down the wire-netting cage, apparently looking for an opening, and in the evening it was found by the gardener inside the enclosure, with a cock blackbird in attendance, which was cramming its wide-open beak with red currants. The blackbird managed to find the hole in the netting by which it had entered, but the cuckoo did not—and the average gardener is seldom inclined to remit the death sentence on any fruit-eating bird that finds its way inside a wire fruit enclosure. My correspondent wonders if the blackbird, knowing the fate which awaits a large bird that enters a fruit cage, took its unwanted foster-chick there as the easiest way of ridding itself of an unmerited burden!

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THE fact that a small bird is to be seen feeding a young cuckoo does not, of course, constitute definite proof of foster-parenthood, because for some inexplicable reason almost every bird in the garden appears to accept responsibility for the successful upbringing of this undesirable burden, which has been responsible for the death of a nest of small fledglings earlier in the season, and which will play its part in inflicting its offspring on some unfortunate warbler or wagtail the following year. On many of the occasions when a pair of our resident birds have the misfortune to bring a cuckoo into the world, and the ravenous young bird is to be seen perched on the garden seat or a branch of a convenient bush, with its beak opened to the fullest extent, it will be noticed

that it is not only its foster-parents which are feeding it, but also quite a number of other birds that pass that way.

One of the attractions of Devon as a residential district for those interested in fruit and vegetable growing is that the birds of that county are far better behaved than they are in other parts of England. When walking round a large vegetable garden near Bideford recently, I was astonished to see strawberries growing in the open without a single blackbird at work among them, the same absence of black raiders in the lines of ripening raspberries, and not one pod in the many rows of peas damaged by jays or tits.

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THE complete absence of all feathered raiders in this fruitful garden caused me to imagine that possibly the birds of this country had turned over a new leaf this summer and that I might find this desirable immunity from all damage on my own holding on my return. This proved, however, to be the vainest of hopes, since as I walked down to the vegetable plots immediately after my arrival I was greeted with a chorus of harsh screeches of derision as six jays flew up from the pea-rows, to be followed by a small flock of great tits, and all the blackbirds of the district that were not busy among the strawberries fluttered out from the raspberry canes in the fruit cage, over the top of which the gardener had forgotten to put protective string netting.

Another unusual trespasser seen in a fruit enclosure this year is the sand lizard which is found only in one or two places in Britain. It is said that the smooth snake, which is the rarest of our British snakes, feeds almost exclusively on this small reptile, so that in the places where the sand lizard has established itself there also are a few smooth snakes. I am not certain how much truth there is in this theory, but it is a fact that on the moors of east Dorset and also in the New Forest, where the sand lizard is frequently to be seen, one may, if one is lucky, meet the smooth snake as well.

The fruit cage in which the sand lizard was constantly seen contained several rows of strawberries, and every day it was noticed that some of the finest fruits had been half-eaten. It was difficult to account for this, because the enclosure was quite bird-proof, so that the usual strawberry raider, the blackbird, could not have been responsible, and although the sand lizard was constantly seen in close proximity to the rows it was not suspected of fruit-eating, since it is supposed to be entirely insectivorous. One day, however, it was caught in the act of taking a bite out of a fully-ripe strawberry, and when disturbed made off into the heart of the plants with a large lump of the fruit in its mouth.

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IN a recent B.B.C. broadcast dealing with the Anglo-Iranian oil situation, it was stated that the word *Abadan* in the Persian language

means the Land of Plenty, and that since Abadan was originally a hopelessly barren desert island the name seemed to be, to say the least, misplaced. A Persian, when asked the correct translation of the word, stated that, though *Abadan* now meant the Land of Plenty, in the dim past it meant the Land of Slaves. The change seems to be not inappropriate, for employees at the oil refinery are more highly paid than the workers in any other part of the country.

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ALTHOUGH there seems to be some uncertainty about the Persian translation, there is not the slightest doubt about the meaning of the word *abadan* in Arabic. It is a most emphatic negative, and though its correct translation is "never," it is commonly used by the Arabs and Egyptians to put the finishing touches to a statement conveying the general absence of all hope where some vital question is concerned.

It is often tacked on to the word *mafiah*, which, as everybody who has visited the Middle East knows, means "there is none" or "nothing." When one asks the *safragi* while on trek in the dry desert how much whisky there is left in the one remaining bottle and he replies, "*mafiah abadan*," one realises that one may abandon all hope, since when employed in this connection it means, in colloquial English, "damn-all."

THROUGH THE HEART OF JERSEY

By R. M. LOCKLEY

IT was at the height of the August holiday that, wishing to avoid crowds, I walked twelve miles, west to east, across the middle of the Island of Jersey. Most of Jersey's interior main roads run in a south-north direction, fanning outwards from the one town of St. Helier, which is near the middle of the south coast. By taking the by-roads and lanes from west to east, therefore, one ought, I reasoned, to find out what the little frequented heart of Jersey is like.

So many people go to Jersey simply for the sake of a holiday where one can be sure of sunshine and a warm sea, to say nothing of the low taxation, tobacco and alcohol. Talking with some of these people, one may get the impression that Jersey is a sophisticated,

overbuilt island where all is organised for holidays—fun and games and charabanc tours and all those cheerful social things associated with Brighton and Blackpool. Not that St. Helier in any way resembles Brighton or Blackpool; the town and sea-front are altogether more Continental, and the air of those hot south-facing bays of St. Aubin, St. Brelade and St. Clement is Mediterranean.

My cross-country walk, anti-sunwise, began on the five-mile-long sands of St. Ouen's Bay, where a cool Atlantic wind is always blowing. There I ended an early morning bathe on the back of a great white breaker which threw me and my surf-board far up and aground on the lonely yellow sands. St. Ouen's Bay is almost empty of buildings and so vast that it gives the

comfortable impression of solitude even in August.

I started by walking around the great pond of St. Ouen, where gulls bathed, reed-warblers sang and swallows dipped to drink and wet their wings in the heat of the noon. The sandy ground was bright with wild flowers, including the plantain thrift (*Armeria plantaginifolia*), a long-stemmed variety of sea-pink found in the British Isles only in Jersey, and the pretty blue autumnal squill (*Scilla autumnalis*), another plant common here, but rare in Britain. Beside the pond was a pleasantly worded notice-board, with the information:

SOCIÉTÉ JERSIAISE NATURE RESERVE
Shooting and collecting prohibited. Please co-operate. THANK YOU.



"MY CROSS-COUNTRY WALK BEGAN ON THE SANDS OF ST. OUEN'S BAY." The stacks are of seaweed, which is used as manure in Jersey

It made one feel that one had done something to deserve that courtesy, whereas as one looked over the wealth of wild flowers and the bright green hem of reeds about the pond, it was clearly the Jersey Society that deserved thanks for preserving this piece of wild water and wild floral garden.

In the warm fields on each side of the ascending road crickets shrilled. Men and women, dressed in berets and blue dungarees, tended the neat rows of outdoor tomatoes, nipping off the side shoots and tying the stems to bamboos. They were chiefly people, of all ages, from the north-west of France, from Côtes-du-Nord and Finisterre, and many of them were conversing in the Breton language. Their greeting was polite: "B'jour, m'sieur. Beau temps?"

As an experiment, since my schoolboy type of French seemed not to be understood, I broke out into equally execrable Welsh, and this at once brought a smile of recognition to those

allowed to keep pigeons. The flag of the De Carterets of St. Ouen flew on high. It was the loyalty of this family to the English Crown through many centuries that secured the right of its seigneur to have precedence above all other manors in the island.

As I struck eastwards from hill to hill and from valley to valley I passed a score of smaller manors, and large farm-houses, as well as cottages and small farms. Most of these bore French names—La Hougue, La Pierre des Baissières, Ville-ès-Normans, Les Cateaux, and so on. They were nearly all of a characteristic solid granite-built pattern, rather Georgian in appearance, with two rows of tall windows having green or white shutters, and with wide eaves above. The approaches were often by avenues of holm-oaks, underneath which the rich pale blue of the hydrangeas seemed to glow with colour taken from the sea.

The granite homes stood, some with their shutters closed as if sleeping in the brilliant

by little fields full of rich crops. There was a strong feeling of rural everlastingness about the ancient solid granite walls, arches and buildings, in the hoary cider-apple trees, in the well-farmed fields. Only here and there an overgrown marshy plot, or a small natural wood on the north side of a hill, told of a history older than the island agriculture.

Moving eastwards through this smiling country of Jersey, I could not help thinking that here was an embodiment of the picture I had carried in my mind when as a boy I had become acquainted with the poetical notion of Arcadia. I certainly had this soothing feeling of walking through a countryside corresponding to that youthful idea of Arcadia—a land where the climate was perfect and the inhabitants intelligent countrymen living by their gardens, little fields and milch cows and such fundamental essentials, unchangeable and uncorrupted by the life of industrial towns.



E. D. H. Johnson

A WOODED INLAND VALLEY IN JERSEY

sunburnt faces. For five minutes or so we compared Welsh words with Breton words, congratulating each other on each word which matched in sound. Welsh and Breton are, of course, merely regional dialects of the same Brythonic language. For example, *barra* for bread, and *mor* for sea. And the numerals are almost identical: one, two, three, four, five—phonetically: *ein, doi, tri, pedwa, pimp*. The Welsh girls who sometimes come to Jersey to pack tomatoes in the warehouses can talk quite freely with, and be understood by, the Breton field workers.

At the top of Mont Rossignol lies a beautiful old manor built with pink-brown Jersey granite in the style of a French château with turrets having steeply-pitched pointed roofs, and with a moat on three sides. A peacock strutted resplendent on the lawn; resplendent, that is, against the blue hydrangeas. There was a venerable columbarium, a reminder of the days when only the lord of the manor was

sunshine, their neat gardens full with asters, dahlias, lilies, fuchsias, and hundreds of other flowers—for gardening has reached a high pitch of excellence in this climate. A neat clean satisfying countryside, and so far, in three hours, not a single car had passed me. There were farm carts and tractors only: the wheat harvest was being gathered.

The lanes twisted and turned, rose over the yellow wheat fields and descended to little bridges over rivulets in green valleys. These lanes were too narrow for one car to pass another, save here and there at a corner or a gateway. I might have been in the heart of rural Dorset or Hampshire, so peaceful, so little frequented by other than rural workers is this interior of Jersey. It is not wild country, but an unspoiled miniature (for even the hills are small and the valleys narrow) country, and the adjective "sweet" (meaning in this case diminutive, pretty and agreeable to the senses) fits this pleasant land of tree-shaded lanes bordered

The time of year—harvest—was propitious for such a feeling, and it was a perfect day, too.

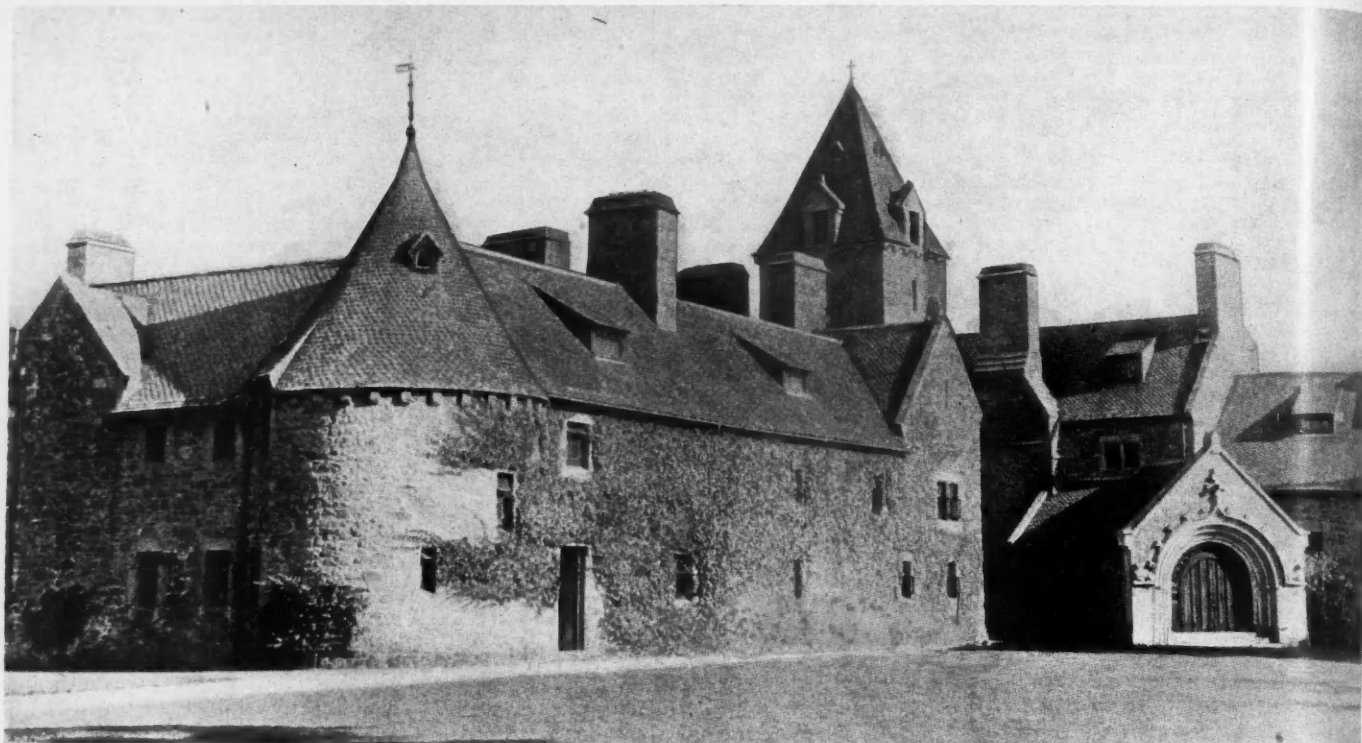
Yellow with birdfoot-trefoil are the grass-glades,
wrote Meredith in *Love in the Valley* with words which seemed to describe the intense light of that summer's day:

Sharp as a sickle is the edge of shade and shine:

Earth in her heart laughs looking at the heavens,

Thinking of the harvest.

It was with a farmer's eye that I saw this perfection of land husbandry each side of the lanes as I strolled eastwards. The interior is divided into small farms of anything from 4 to 40 acres. Hardly any land is wasted. If the slope is steeply to the south, it forms a sun-trap ideal for early potatoes, which are harvested in May, and the land is then planted with tomatoes. The other principal crops were wheat, oats,



R. M. Lockley

THE MANOR OF ST. OUEN, BUILT OF PINK-BROWN JERSEY GRANITE

maize and green crops. Grass grows luxuriantly in the valley meadows and ley fields. The handsome tawny-coated Jersey cows, whose large eyes, dished face and slender legs give them a faun-like appearance, are each tethered by a short chain. They are moved six or seven times a day, and so the grass is grazed and rested in husbandlike rotation. An old writer, Heylin (1656), said that the Jerseyman's cow is the principal object of his affection. This is very probably true to-day—and who would not cherish such a useful, pretty and friendly

creature? The Jersey cow seems capable of converting the roughest herbage, equally with the finest pasture, into the creamiest milk in the world. During my walk I saw cows eating a wide variety of plants, the most surprising of which were black nightshade, potato and tomato vines, and seaweed—a diet which would surely have killed an ordinary English cow.

The impression of walking in Arcadia was heightened from time to time by the sight of men and women reaping wheat by hand. The men were scything the corn with straight-

handled French scythes fitted with racks or cradles, and the women were bunching the cut wheat into sheaves and binding them with straw bands. It is true that in some of the larger fields the scene was less Biblical—there are tractor and reaping machines on the island. But, as one farmer said to me, it is more economical to cut the majority of fields by hand, since the acreage is so small and the machine so big, expensive, and also so unwieldy, that it cannot manage the corners and headlands. He preferred to keep skilled labour on the farm rather than a lot of clumsy metal and iron. There seemed profound wisdom in that remark.

"If I fall ill," he said to me, "I can tell my men to go and cut the wheat, and I know it will be done, perfectly and not a straw wasted. But can I tell my expensive machine to go and cut the wheat while I lie in bed?"

He told me he went to St. Helier once a fortnight. Though it was only five miles away, for him, as for hundreds of his countrymen, the

town was more remote than London is to a Dorset farmer. The interior has so little to do with the trade in visitors along the coast. No charabancs can enter these twisting lanes, where cuckoos sing in the spring and honeysuckle scents the summer air.

I moved on, passing the great manor of Trinity, where an immense spreading oak overhangs a granite table at which Charles II, during his enforced retirement to Jersey, is said to have dined. Jersey's loyalty to this exiled prince reminded me of the intense affection which the islanders still have for the Crown. This may seem the more curious to the visitor who wanders, as I did, through the heart of Jersey, and hears all day French rather than English spoken. The roots of this people are Norman, and the language spoken by the countrymen is a form of Norman-French. Theirs is a French culture: speech, architecture, and agricultural practice. But in the town the merchants who sell the farmer's output deal with an English market, and so English is the language of commerce. This commercial tie explains much of Jersey's interest in the United Kingdom, but her loyalty to the Throne is older than that of England, for it began long before their liege lord, the Duke of Normandy, was crowned William I of England on December 25, 1066.

The best citizens spring from the cultivators it is said. Jersey is ruled by her farmers and farming interests—and may it ever be so! Perhaps if all the world were ruled by farmers there would be no time for wars. Seed time and harvest would be more important, and something like the Arcadia which I glimpsed in the heart of Jersey might then prevail. For, being conservative, these island farmer-senators have stuck to the old feudal laws of Norman times, with, of course, democratic modifications. They have so ruled their little country that it is now one of the lowest taxed and most crime-free in the world. No paid police exist in Jersey—except in the town.

The sun was falling westwards into the elms and ilex trees as I neared the end of my journey. At Dielamont Manor a child of five years, speaking Norman-French, showed me the oldest columbarium in the Channel Islands, a round granite structure containing 1,500 pigeon-holes—shades not of Whitehall, but of ancient seigneurial rights. At Fliquet Bay, on the east coast, in sight of France, I watched humming-bird hawk-moths sucking the honey from buddleia flowers in the shade of mimosa trees.



FLIQUET BAY, ON THE EAST COAST OF THE ISLAND

ANCESTOR OF THE FARM-YARD FOWL

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TROPICAL night fell like a curtain on a little party walking down the long beaches of the eastern Malay State of Pahang. On the edge of the scrub forest that fringed the shore stood a tiny hut, put up no doubt by some watcher for the turtles that came up out of the China Sea to lay their eggs. "We will sleep here," I said, "and make Rompin in the morning. There are rivers to cross."

But the vicious onslaught of myriad sandflies banished slumber, and I could only lie awake listening to the ripples rustling on the coral sands below.

About three o'clock the shrill call of a jungle cock broke the stillness. My neighbour, head boatman Pa' Chu, restless as I, murmured drowsily, "'Tis day-break in Paradise; the cocks call the first hour of prayer; their brethren on earth give ear."

After that one cry came stillness again till, as the first faint glow lit the sea on the eastern verge, a jungle fowl awoke and saluted the dawn. Another and another took up the cry, till the cool air shrilled with clarion calls that turn by turn heralded the break of day all across Asia.

No game bird living has greater charm or is of more sporting interest to the hunter than this miniature fowl. That it is the ancestor of every domestic breed throughout the world is, alone, most impressive, for in the realm of animal life, of all gifts with which nature has endowed mankind, none is perhaps more valuable; yet human science has done nothing to improve the red jungle fowl's lissom beauty and proportion. To encounter, in the breeding season, the cock bird on the wing, orange hackles lifted, dark metallic-green tail flowing behind him, ear-lobes gleaming white in the early sunlight, is worth much diligent and patient hunting. Seldom, however, one sees him in flight, for like all his tribe he is far more ready to run than to fly, and for that reason he must be hunted, and his high measure of guile countered by guile. After the breeding season he loses, alas! much of his glory. His tail and brilliant hackles are shed, to be replaced with short dark feathers, and his voice is less often heard.

That morning old Pa' Chu observed: "There are many jungle fowl here. We should try to shoot one or two"—a glint in his eye—"they are good *panggang*"—that is, grilled. In full accord, first I tried to stalk a bird fifty yards away in a thicket festooned with creeper. He seemed to be wound up, and crow followed crow with scarcely a break. Cautiously skirting the open glade, dodging behind tree trunks, I tried to locate the sound; by dint of crawling through low scrub, I reached the foot of the thicket, heard the shrill clarion almost over my head, and then sudden silence. He was suspicious but not alarmed, and might start again, but peer closely as I could through the leafy mass overhead, see him I could not, and in a minute a heavy flap told me that my quarry had fluttered down and run off noiselessly into the scrub.

I tried again with no better result, and a third time, when at least I had some reward in catching a glimpse of a fine black-green body and streaming tail disappearing on the far side of the tree. Pa' Chu said: "They are indeed cunning. We cannot come to them; they must come to us."

We moved away to another clearing and on the edge, well screened by branches, Pa' Chu plucked a broad blade of grass, held it between the thumbs of both hands, and blew through it to produce exactly the voice of a clucking hen. He sounded all her moods, now clucking eagerly for her chicks, now in satisfaction for some tit-bit, now with the whining sound that denotes the presence of a cock. Those nearest us fell silent at once; we waited breathlessly. Would any come and investigate further? The feminine lure was too strong. A flap of powerful wings, a bundle of orange and flaunting green feathers hurtling into view, an easy shot and Pa' Chu had his grill.

I found that this astute bird could be

outwitted by a combined manœuvre with the help of a man trained to co-operate, who, approaching the tree where it perched as would an ordinary passer-by, coaxed it into flight towards my hiding-place, or sent it to ground when it might give a chance shot, as it jinked away, at least as difficult as one at a doubling hare. Sometimes of an evening one may find a covey or two feeding in the rice stubbles, and, by creeping with utmost care along the edge of the scrub, succeed in cutting them off, when good overhead shots at high birds may be had, equal to any outside the pheasant coverts. The flight, alternate flapping and planing, is, like that of a pheasant, very deceptive. Yet even then the hunter may be outwitted. The fowl's knowledge of the danger zone is uncanny; some will run off, others crouch in thick grass till the enemy has passed.

The cocks, most pugnacious and savage little birds, fight ferociously with spurs over an inch long and sharp as needles. In former days what Malays did not know about cockfighting

moment into a struggling bundle of feathers! Pa' Chu ran out, gathered his victim, and dropped him into a bag, while his traitorous conqueror sent forth another paean of triumph.

A decoy fowl in good voice has considerable value, and it is well, before beginning a stalk for a calling jungle cock, to be sure that no Malay is operating a *rachik* in the locality. Not all birds so caught prove of value for decoy purposes; the others presumably become a grill.

Young birds are easily tamed and even breed in captivity, but the offspring suffer a high mortality. Wild-fowl frequenting the edge of villages inter-breed, and signs of a wild strain are often to be seen in the *kampung*. I have not observed hybrids in the wild state; possibly they are not tolerated. On the other hand, there is at least one classical case of barn-door fowls, released on an island in the Fiji group in 1776 and not disturbed for over a hundred years, reverting to a breed differing little, except in size, from the wild bird.

The hens are brown with a black and buff



"THEN CHALLENGE FOR CHALLENGE RANG OUT . . . AND DOWN INTO THE GLADE DROPPED A FINE YOUNG JUNGLE COCK"

was very little indeed, and the trapping of the wild bird with a decoy was (and still is) common practice.

One early morning Pa' Chu came to my bungalow with a basket and a frame in his hand, looped about with strings and pegs. "Would the Tuan care to come and catch a jungle cock?"

The Tuan would indeed, and quickly we started out to a stretch of park-like country lying along the sea-shore. Cocks crowed all round us, and it was easy to find a suitable arena, a clear space a few yards across set in a frame of low bushes. In the middle of the stage Pa' Chu unrolled his *rachik*, which proved to be a coil of many dozen hair-fine nooses made of shredded rattan, attached to small pegs. These he set out cunningly in a circle, with wings radiating from it in four or five directions, all carefully tucked into the grass so as to be nearly invisible. Then from his basket he drew a fine cock, his eyes flashing, his head turning proudly as if to dare a rival. Pa' Chu stroked his head lovingly, smoothed his hackles, combed his tail. "His voice is sweet; he is ready and bold," said Pa' Chu, pegging the bird in the middle of the *rachik* and feeding some small pellets into his bill with a muttered charm. We hid behind the screen of bushes and waited. The cock straightened himself, let cry a clear shrill crow ending abruptly on the last note. Then again. The wild birds around us fell silent at the voice of the intruder. Then challenge for challenge rang out and one at least drew nearer. A final call and down into the glade dropped a fine young cock. Hackles lifted he strutted proudly up to his rival. Alas, for high courage turned all in a

pencilling, and have short hackles of black and gold. Devoted mothers, they never fly when followed by a young brood. The nest is a mere hollow with seven to a dozen eggs which hatch in May and June; after that the young chicks learn to fly at a very early age.

The red jungle fowl ranges without variation across South-eastern Asia through Siam, Burma, the Malay countries, and Central India. Preferring low flat country, and ground that is well-drained and dry, along the eastern sea-board of the Peninsula, where a belt of casuarina trees and scrub fringes the beaches, it is abundant. Travellers along the only road, the shore, often see the birds sunning themselves right down on the edge of the sea.

Lastly, whether a crowing cock or a clucking hen, the wild red jungle fowl is believed by Malays to attract other denizens of the forest. I think that there is some truth in this, and that it is not altogether due to mere coincidence. On many a stealthy approach to a bird advertising its presence, I have seen a solitary boar walk unconcernedly into the scene, once a barking deer, and twice at least a chevrotain (or mouse-deer). Is the bird's high instinct for self-preservation well known to other creatures, which sense security in its presence, or is it mere curiosity? I have observed this in the case of other forms, for example, the chevrotain itself when drumming.

When the back-yard hens are fed and their eggs collected, when the great aldermanic monsters of the poultry farm grace the table with a pageantry so unlike Pa' Chu's forest grill, think for a moment of the little red jungle cock of eastern lands without whom none of these things would have come to pass.

THE BERNINI FOUNTAIN AT BLENHEIM

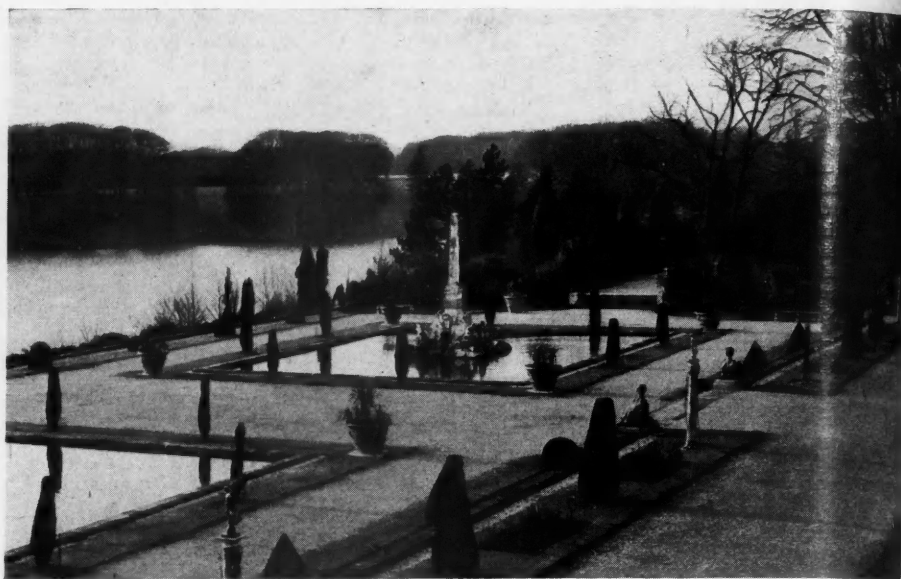
By DAVID GREEN

IN its triumphal course through Europe it was inevitable that the irresistible river that was Marlborough's army should carry along with it a mass of more or less valuable flotsam in the form of presents from grateful emperors and anxious diplomats: titles, pictures, statues, diamond buckles, tapestry, jewelled swords, even on one occasion a jewelled hat. Thus it was that in 1710 Marlborough became the possessor of a marble fountain by Bernini.

The fountain, a model for that which still stands in the Piazza Navona at Rome (Fig. 5), was Marlborough's present from the Spanish ambassador at the Papal court, and, although at first there seems to have been some doubt as to its authenticity, it was packed off with great care by "yacht" to London, where, at the Tower Wharf, it was eagerly examined by Vanbrugh, Grinling Gibbons and "the best connoisseurs" of the day, before proceeding by West-Country barge to Abingdon and so to Blenheim.

"I am glad that I can now assure Your Grace," wrote Vanbrugh to Marlborough, "the Model of the Fountain of Piazza Navona is of Bernini's doing. I shewed it before it went to Blenheim to Mr. Gibbons, and the best connoisseurs here who at first sight owned it to be what was pretended, and think it scarce to be valued. The four figures make the most valuable part of it and there is but one of 'em that has received any damage worth naming."

The four figures—representing, it was said, the Nile, the Plata, the Danube (or possibly the Tiber) and the Ganges—sat with their backs to an obelisk rising from a heap of rocks "with a cavern from east to west, from which seemed to issue, in a drinking attitude, a lion and a sea-horse, the attributes of Europe and Africa." Going on to describe the river-gods themselves, an 18th-century writer says: "The Danube rests his right leg on an oar; the Nile veils his head with classical propriety; the American River-God lifts up his left hand and eyes in surprise, as if first made known to the rest of the world; the Asiatic River-God, with a placid



1.—THE BERNINI FOUNTAIN ON THE TERRACE BELOW THE WEST FRONT AT BLENHEIM PALACE

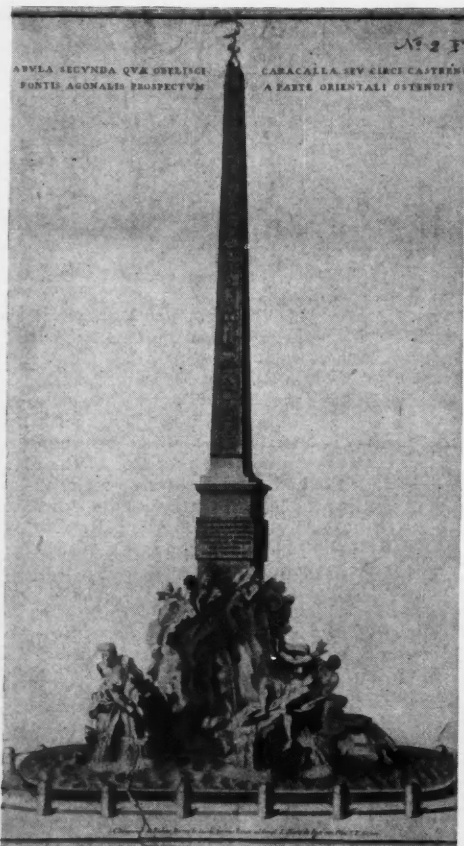
look, stretches out his hand to a serpent crawling and a shell." "This last," he adds, "seems to be a different design from the original, where the Ganges is represented as recumbent, crowned with sedge, and a rudder between his legs, with the palm-tree behind." All the figures, including the parched lion, delicately and sensitively carved, spoke incontrovertibly of the great master who had died less than thirty years before the arrival of the fountain at Blenheim, and whose last work it was claimed to be. The only drawback was that the model was on too small a scale (the gods were only about four feet high) to play the

conspicuous part it deserved in the gargantuan scheme Vanbrugh had, with Queen Anne's gardener, devised for the grounds at Blenheim. In that scheme, it was true, provision had been made, at the southern extremity of the Great Parterre, for a grotto, which might have housed the fountain very well; but unfortunately this had scarcely been built before its demolition was ordered by Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, on grounds of extravagance.

To the Duchess the Bernini fountain can have meant little, but to Nicholas Hawksmoor, Vanbrugh's second-in-command at Blenheim, it meant a very great deal. "I cannot help remembering," he wrote to her two months before Marlborough died, "how fine a Grotto may be placed under the Bridge, finished with Rocks and Shells and a plentiful command of water, and how nobly the little fountain of Cavalier Bernini may be placed in it, being too tender to stand without doors in the Frosts and violent weather of this Climate." His solicitude (as though attributing human susceptibilities to marble and stone) was typical; and two years later, in his letter about Vanbrugh's obelisks at Castle Howard, he reveals it again, for "If they were mine," he declares, "I would not let them stand upon ye Cold ground, but lift 'em up ye same sort of Pedestal (as) in ye piazza Navona."

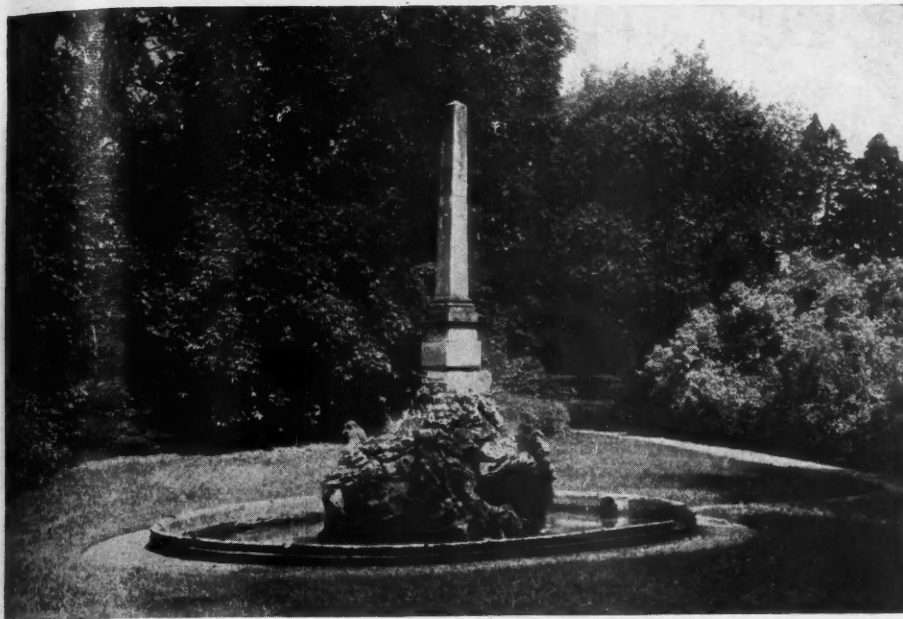
Himself a superb craftsman, Hawksmoor had from the first lost his heart to this swansong of "the apostle of the Baroque" and he could never forget it. A year or so later, when Sarah was contemplating the erection of an obelisk to her husband's memory, Hawksmoor ventured to send her several sketches, "one much like that set up in ye Piazza Navona by Cavalier Fontana (or Bernini)" (Fig. 3), but once again he was to be disappointed, for the design was discarded in favour of a column of victory; and in the meantime the fountain-model itself was consigned to the nettles, there to moulder for fifty years. And even when at the end of that time Great Spencer (George, fourth Duke of Marlborough) unearthed it, his method of rescue was to prove lamentably rough and ready.

"I think the fountain must be repaired on the Spot where it is to be erected," wrote Sir William Chambers to the Duke in 1774, "and built up as fast as it is repaired, else it will be very liable to accidents in its Removal from one place to another." So far so good. "This," he continued, "may be begun in the Spring and as no very great nicety will be necessary in the repair it will soon be done." The result (Fig. 4) was devastating. However, it was the age of ecstasy—at least for whatever a Duke chose to do in the way of "improvement"—and, sure



2.—AN EARLY 18th-CENTURY ENGRAVING OF THE BERNINI FOUNTAIN IN THE PIAZZA NAVONA AT ROME. (Right) 3.—HAWKSMOOR'S PROJECT FOR A MARLBOROUGH MEMORIAL ON BERNINI'S RIVER-GOD FOUNTAIN THEME





4.—"THROWN TOGETHER IN RUDE POMP": THE BERNINI FOUNTAIN BEFORE ITS RESTORATION BY THE 9th DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH

enough, praise was eagerly forthcoming from the excellent Dr. Mavor of spelling-book fame, Woodstock's notable mayor and rector, whose one failing, if failing it could be called, was at times to allow his passion for Blenheim and its owners to run away with him. Thus:

*Yon noble fountain, in the valley plac'd,
Allumes my steps and speaks Italia's taste.
There river-gods, reclin'd at ease, explore
A scene more lovely than their native shore;
Confess Hesperia boasts no charms that vie
With the bright landscapes that around them lie.
Long had this fabric press'd th'inglorious
ground,
Each beauteous sculpture felt of time the
wound,*

*The mangled figures prov'd the vulgar scorn,
Toss'd into corners, useless and forlorn.
Great Spencer saw—he bade the pile ascend,
Each part resume its office and its end;
The marble gods enjoy their destin'd seat;
The spacious bason open at their feet:
Now the grand whole the eyes of taste detains,
And one more beauty decorates these plains.*

The "spacious bason" of stone stood and still stands in the marshy neighbourhood of Capability Brown's cascade, about half a mile from the palace, though to-day the elaborate garden that it adorned has gone, and the basin itself roofs the burrows of rabbits. For at least a hundred and fifty years, however, the fountain "thrown together in rude pomp," as Mavor reverently describes it, stood in the valley, to be admired by the energetic and to be christened by gardeners the Old Grand; and there it was well frosted, rained on, dripped on by trees and snowed on by countless snows; so that when at length its true rescuer—the late Duke of Marlborough—came on the scene, he found the whole work "terribly damaged... Figures and stone all jumble up together in a meaningless mass." It took nearly two years to free the marble from encrustations due to damp and neglect. Fingers, toes, even arms had to be made for gods who had broken or lost them. "The work was very difficult," the Duke recorded in 1932, "as it was important to try to make the lines of the stone similar in design to the fountain in Rome," and to this end an expert was sent to Italy to check and number each stone.

But now at last, two hundred and twenty years after its arrival, the fountain was to be given the place of honour that it deserved; for the Duke insisted that it should stand, with another obelisk, on one of the magnificent formal water-terraces leading down from the west front of the palace to the vast lake designed by Capability Brown; and that there it should be served only with the pure and mystical water from Rosamund's Spring which

flows into the other side of that lake. (It meant running a pipe through the middle of the lake to the cascade, whence the water was pumped to the terraces). The perfection of this scheme was during his latter years the ninth Duke's chief ambition, and the inclusion of the river-god fountain entirely his own idea.

"I frankly admit to you," he wrote to his architect, Achille Duchêne, in 1927, "that I want you to work later on more in the spirit of Bernini than of Mansard or Lenôtre... The value of the obelisks is this, that they give an architectural Transition between a lateral line of stone and the perpendicular effect of the trees. Pray therefore do not despise them. I think we can get a magnificent effect. Something like the Trevi fountain or the Fontana Hispana in Rome."

At long last, then, Hawksmoor's wish was to be fulfilled, for, as all who see it at Blenheim agree, the effect could not be finer, nor could the fountain itself appear more charmingly at home. True, it has still to stand outdoors, without benefit of grotto, but since its gods have—albeit with battle-scars—withstood over two hundred years of Oxfordshire weather, may they not be less tender and more nearly immortal than Blenheim's "loving Nurse," as Hawksmoor once called himself, had supposed?



5.—BERNINI'S FOUNTAIN OF THE FOUR RIVERS IN THE PIAZZA NAVONA AT ROME. (Below) 6.—DETAIL OF THE BERNINI FOUNTAIN AT BLENHEIM



THE PASSING OF THE HILL-FORT

By J. E. GURDON

IN the early days of the last war members of the Local Defence Volunteers used to spend cold nights on lonely points of the Cotswold escarpment—on Painswick Beacon, Uley Bury and Drakestone; on Haresfield, Leckhampton, Minchinhampton, Symond's Yat and Bredon Hill. To remember such nights is to feel the tug of the link which joins the present to a scarcely imaginable past; for the Cotswold-Malvern earthworks stand as monuments to a change which was the most fundamental and far-reaching in the history of these islands—a change that marked the end of a world. No other area in England—not even Cornwall, or Wessex, or the Ridings—can reward study more richly than the chain of defended sites which begins at the Avon in Somerset, and stretches north-east, mile after mile, along the western fringe of the Jurassic uplands. Much, indeed, may be read from the blurred ramparts and choked ditches now that the excavations of recent years have brought to light the hearths which the forts defended; the sling stones, too, which their warriors heaped; the bones of their mutilated dead; and even the skull-tops from the heads which conquerors set up on their burning gates.

Because many of us are lucky enough to remain schoolboys all our lives, skeletons and skulls will do much to offset the disappointment of learning that Britain's hill-forts are far less ancient than we thought. Very few can be shown to have had an origin in Neolithic times. Mostly, in fact, they are works peculiar to the Early Iron Age, beginning about the 6th century B.C. A gap of something like fifteen hundred years separates them from the Late Stone Age "camps," which seem to have been the earliest defended sites in Britain. So far as

one can tell, those camps went out of use early in the 2nd millennium B.C., when the appearance of the Beaker people marked the transition from stone to bronze.

Clearly, much has been gained by eliminating an error of fifteen hundred years, and by bringing the hill-forts within the compass of the last of our prehistoric periods. It is, however, impossible to extract a developed chronology from what is at present known. The Early Iron Age economy of Britain had an agricultural basis which encouraged strong local cultural differentiations, and these were rendered all the more marked by the forests and swamps which isolated most of the habitable areas. The problem of correlation is therefore a difficult one, and the best one can do at the moment is to classify the Iron Age culturally instead of chronologically, dividing its cultures into three main groups, conveniently and baldly labelled A, B, and C.

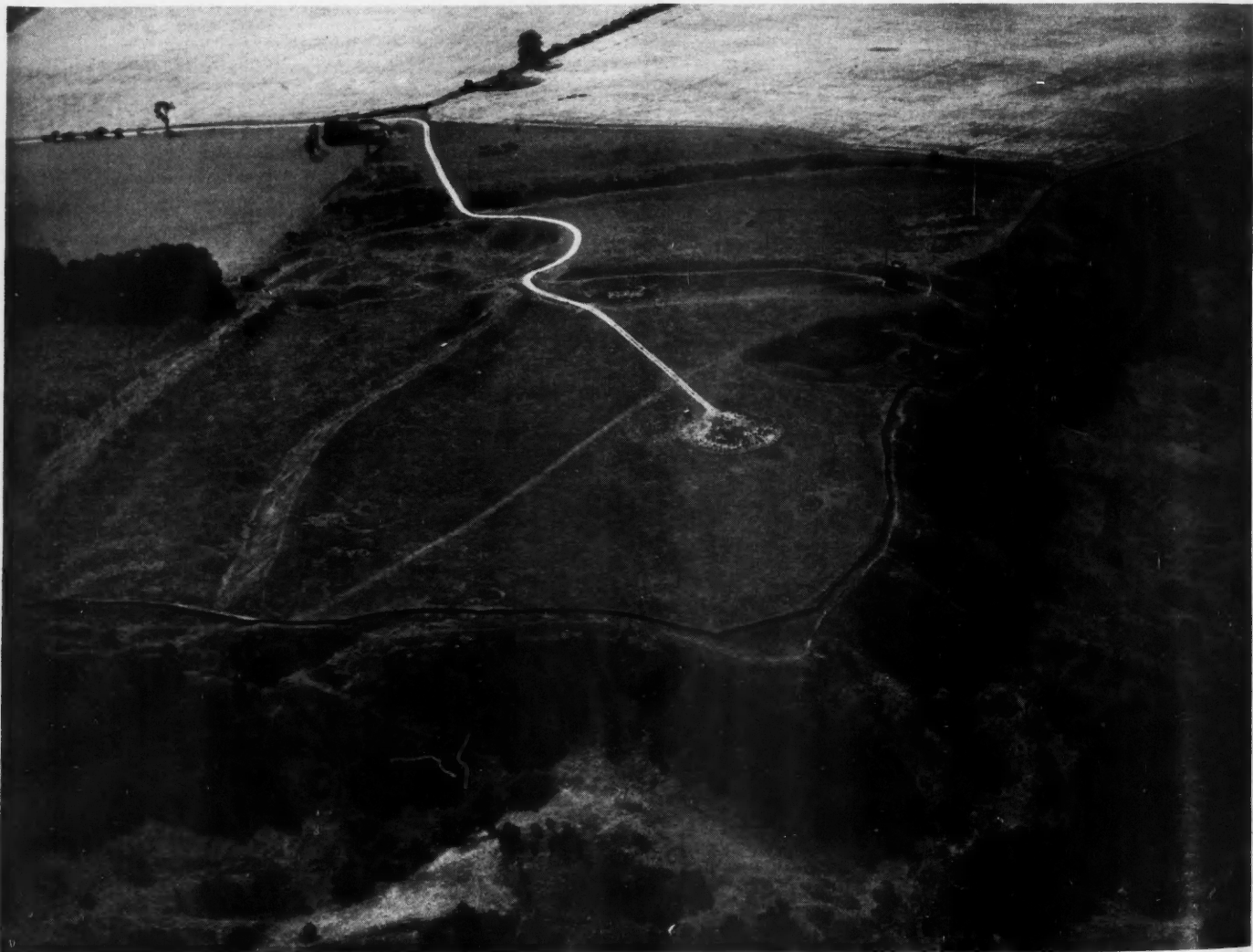
Each of these groups is represented in the Cotswold-Malvern fortifications. Nor is such a concentration surprising, because defences are often an expression of trade, and these hill-forts lie along part of a trade route of great antiquity. This route led from the chalklands of the south to the Irish Sea, skirting the difficult mountains of the west. Flint from the chalklands, flint from Wales, gold and bronze from Ireland had already been creeping along the route for tens of centuries before men mastered iron. When the Iron Age came, then iron crept along it too; and during all those millennia the Severn estuary was the natural assembly point for traders, adventurers, invaders and refugees.

An analysis of the different Iron Age cultures is beyond the scope of an article of this kind. Fortunately, no extensive specialised

knowledge is essential for understanding the story told by the Severn earthworks. That story may be pieced together from two principal sources—from surface examination, particularly examination by air photography; and from excavation, particularly the excavations at Leckhampton and Minchinhampton in Gloucestershire, and at Bredon Hill in Worcestershire. An outline of the plot, as derived from these sources, is very soon told.

At the beginning of the Iron Age one finds groups of A cultures which were provincial developments of north-eastern France and western Germany, whence they spread to the coast of Britain lying above and around the Isle of Wight. This may have been about 600 B.C., and the immigrants brought the practice of constructing single-ditch enclosures, like the one at Eddisbury Hill. Diffusing outwards, the perimeter of their influence eventually reached the Cotswolds. Double-ditch forts, with in-turned entrances, developed during the 4th and 3rd centuries B.C., and the A people then settled down to lives in which peace appears to have been normal, but where the abiding possibility of organised violence made it advisable for each social unit to have a stronghold into which the community could withdraw, along with its stock, in times of emergency.

Meanwhile, however, other movements had been taking place on the Continent. Before the end of the 6th century B.C. Celtic wanderers from the lower Rhine found their way into Spain, whence they linked up with similar groups in Brittany. Attracted by Cornish tin, the movement proceeded to establish ports on the Atlantic tip of Britain. Thence they spread across Devon, over Somerset, and so to the Cotswolds, absorbing or being absorbed by the



THE EARLY IRON AGE ENCAMPMENT ON BREDON HILL, WORCESTERSHIRE, FROM THE AIR. "It commands both land and water approaches through the lower Severn and the valley of the Warwickshire Avon"

A folk as they went, and transforming the early simple settlements into earthworks of great complexity. Maiden Castle, in Dorset, is the outstanding example of these remarkable fortifications, but the Malvern-Cotswold belt can also show impressive works at Leckhampton, Uley Bury, Bredon Hill, Midsummer Camp and Herefordshire Beacon. The men who built the earthworks—or compelled a subject community to do the building—also retained trading and cultural links with Brittany and the Mediterranean. Once again, therefore, the Cotswolds lay in the path of a culture-tide: but the B tide flowed up from the south-west before overlapping the earlier A tide, which had set in from Sussex and Wessex.

Last of all came the C culture, brought by Belgic tribes from northern Gaul. Appearing in Kent about 75 B.C., the Belgae were found by Caesar, twenty years later, to be firmly established in districts well north of the Thames. Also—and this is the important point for the Cotswold story—they dug themselves in, literally as well as metaphorically, on the plateau of Minchinhampton, where the spur between the valleys of Chalford and Nailsworth thrusts out north-west towards the Severn. So it happened that the hills of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire received the successive impacts of A, of B and of C: and in the forts of those hills the descendants of men from France, Germany, Spain and Brittany were living during that unique crisis of human history when certain tremendous events took place in distant Palestine, and when in Britain an old, troubled world began to go down at last to its grave.

Of the way in which it went the excavator's spade has dug up some interesting evidence. Leckhampton, perhaps, is the best place from which to begin a review of it. This earthwork belongs to a numerous class in which a single bank and ditch cuts off a projecting headland. It is, however, distinguished by the possession of a double enclosure. In the middle are traces of a fortified area which looks as if the community had used it as their main citadel. Another line of earthworks, 350 yards away, runs in a curved line from escarpment to escarpment, enclosing an area large enough for the protection of flocks and herds. Nothing suggesting earlier Neolithic settlers has come to light, but pottery indicates occupation from about 500 B.C. until after the Roman conquest, with a peak period when it was a Dobuni stronghold of considerable importance. Down in the valley the Severn played its abiding rôle of defence against raiders from Wales, while admitting the possibility of intruders from the sea. Everything about Leckhampton, in fact, suggests five centuries of a settled agricultural life, lived by an organised tribal society undisturbed, apparently, by any grievous disaster.

Different, indeed, is the evidence given by Bredon. An isolated hill, with formidable natural defences, its strategic position commands both land and water approaches through the lower Severn and the valley of the Warwickshire Avon. No doubt A people were the first residents on the hill, but towards the end of the 2nd century B.C. immigrants from Cornwall or Brittany brought the B culture. These newcomers erected an inner rampart the nature of the slope of which indicates Continental influences. Huts they built also, in the shadow of the walls. A little town sprang up, trading with markets both far and near. This we know

because the excavators came upon iron horse bits like those used by the Yorkshire charioteers, hammer-heads of a kind which originated on the other side of the English Channel and bronze dagger chapes from the south-west.

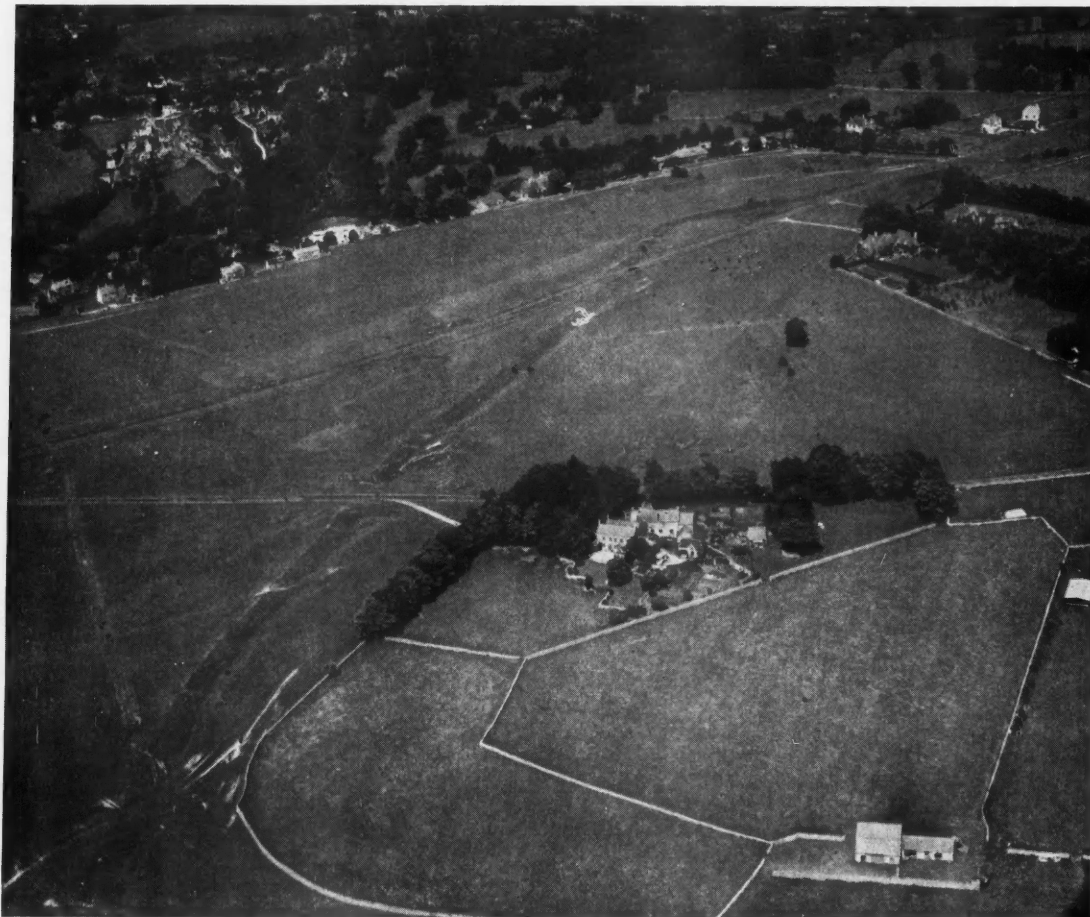
Yet danger suddenly threatened, and the defences were strengthened. That strengthening came too late. When the explorers of the 20th century cleared the paving round the inner entrance, they uncovered the remains of more than fifty young men who had fallen in a desperate struggle, and had lain unburied where they fell.

Unburied, but not undisturbed. The warriors who killed the defenders immediately mutilated their bodies. Hands, feet, and legs were hacked from the trunks and thrown aside. Most of the heads were carried away as trophies. The skulls are still missing. Not, however, all. A few were set up on the gate itself, which the victors fired before they departed. When the timber fell, and smouldered into ashes, it left a row of broken skull-tops along the line where it

to have had a different origin, and to have served a different purpose from that of most of the other sites along the Severn line. This expectation was confirmed by digging, which revealed Belgic pottery (the C culture), and proved that the main defensive system had been constructed after the Belgae had gained a footing in Gloucestershire: after the intrusion of the Belgae, but only just before the Roman invasion.

Is it fanciful to see a connection between the straggling Belgic *oppidum* on the Minchinhampton plateau and the massacre on Bredon Hill? I do not think so. Imaginative, no doubt, but not fanciful in the sense of being empty of reason.

Whoever stormed the Bredon fort were ferocious fighters. Whoever savaged the Bredon dead were barbarous victors. From Caesar, and other sources, there are grounds for believing that the Belgae were both. If, therefore, Leckhampton speaks of several centuries of a settled Iron Age agricultural economy; and if Bredon Hill speaks of a more adventurous career, with



AIRIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF PART OF THE LINE OF EARTHWORKS ON MINCHINHAMPTON COMMON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. "The total area defended is more than 1,000 acres, whereas eight or nine acres is about the average for a hill-fort"

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had stood. By the time that the flames had died down the little town was deserted. Men have never lived there since.

Who did the killing? It does not look like a tribal brawl. No mere party of raiders from a rival stronghold could have reduced a fortress of such strength and inflicted a defeat so complete and so irreparable. One can be sure, too, that one is not looking at Roman work. Legionaries did not butcher the corpses of their enemies. Moreover, the site has yielded no trace whatever of Roman material. Yet the scattered bones still challenge us with the question "Who?" It is possible—just possible—that an answer lies at Minchinhampton.

The first striking feature of the Minchinhampton site is its size. The total area defended is more than 1,000 acres, whereas eight or nine acres is about the average for a hill-fort. Even on Uley Bury, the largest and most impressive of all the Cotswold forts, the earthworks enclose only some 30 acres. For this reason alone, therefore, one would expect Minchinhampton

a south-western culture bringing enterprising trade; if these are the conclusions to be drawn from those two sites, then Minchinhampton teaches an old, familiar, and tragic lesson—the lesson that the men of the sword will always prey alike upon peasant and on merchant.

That, however, is by no means the climax to the story. Roman Cirencester began its life within eight miles of the Minchinhampton *oppidum*. Not far from Bredon's tumbled walls there soon arose the walls of Roman Gloucester. Because of those walls all the different social groups of late Pre-Roman Celtic Britain (the Belgae, the Silures, the Ordovices, the Brigantes and the rest) all went down before the power of the fundamental truth of Western history: and that truth is the fact that Law and the vision of unity came to the north from Rome. The coming of that vision meant the passing of the hill-fort. And if ever the vision itself should pass, then we ourselves shall be back with the slayers and the slain beneath the ruins of another Bredon Hill.

POLO AT ROEHAMPTON

Written and Illustrated by
JOHN BOARD

WE drew first blood in the first unofficial international match against the Argentine team, La Espadaña, and that with a reasonable amount to spare. So far as it goes, that was very pleasing and the Hurlingham team deserves the fullest congratulations on a well-gained victory. But La Espadaña, good players and good fellows as they are, by no means represent the full might of Argentine polo to-day, for that country can put into the field a team totalling 38 to 40 goals, as opposed to the 21 goals of our visitors.

It stands to reason that the 10-year lapse of English polo, from 1939 to almost the present day, meant an inevitable gap in progress and, as I reckon, it will take another five years before our most promising young players arrive at their best; and without the example and teaching of the old, experienced players they will never get there. This is a plain statement of fact, but the form shown latterly this season has been enormously encouraging. The average 10-goal team is playing what we should have regarded before the war as not bad 20-goal polo. This, I think, is largely due to the high proportion of really good ponies playing this year and also to the still high proportion of old players who, though they may now be going back a little, have a long experience of the game and are still able to go uncommonly well.

The greatest need of all, apart from playing experience with better players, is a far more regulated system of practice. Casual stick-and-ball, which is as much as most of our younger players will do, does very little good. To be sure, leisure is scarce, for we are all busy, but what there is could be used better. Tommy Hitchcock, the greatest player of modern times, was an extremely busy man and did a full day's work in his New York office throughout the week. But that did not prevent him from practising steadily for two hours or more every day during the season. I have watched him patiently practising 40-yard shots at goal for an hour on end. He usually had an hour or so every morning before he went to business and was generally out again in the evenings. Indeed, all those great American players of 1939 did likewise and the result was all too evident to us, at Hurlingham and at Meadow Brook. I wonder how many of our aspiring youngsters make any attempt to carry out a regular system



IMPRESSIONS OF THE ARGENTINE TEAM, WINNERS OF THE ROEHAMPTON CUP

of practice. Yet, without it, the greatest genius in the world will never come to his full powers.

On the other hand, the improvement of the younger players after one or two tournament matches, with a first-class player in the team, is very noticeable. In my last article I referred to Charles Smith-Ryland and criticised his tendency to come back in the game too much. After a few games in front of Balding he has largely eliminated this fault and he has thoroughly earned his promotion to 3 goals. Another young player who has been going extremely well is W. E. Wallace at No. 1 for Fernhurst. He has a particularly useful grey Syrian, which shows an exceptional turn of speed for an

animal with no thoroughbred blood, and has scored a number of good goals for his team in fast polo.

The discovery of the season has been Lt. Col. A. F. Harper, late of the Deccan Horse, who learned his game from Tony Sanger and has been going remarkably well all through the season. To select him to play No. 1 for Hurlingham was an experiment, but it came off brilliantly. He is a beautiful, quiet horseman; his ponies invariably go well for him and he is an accurate goal-scorer, keeping his head well down throughout the stroke, as a good games player will do. He keeps his place well, worries his opposite number and is singularly adept at hooking an opponent's stick.

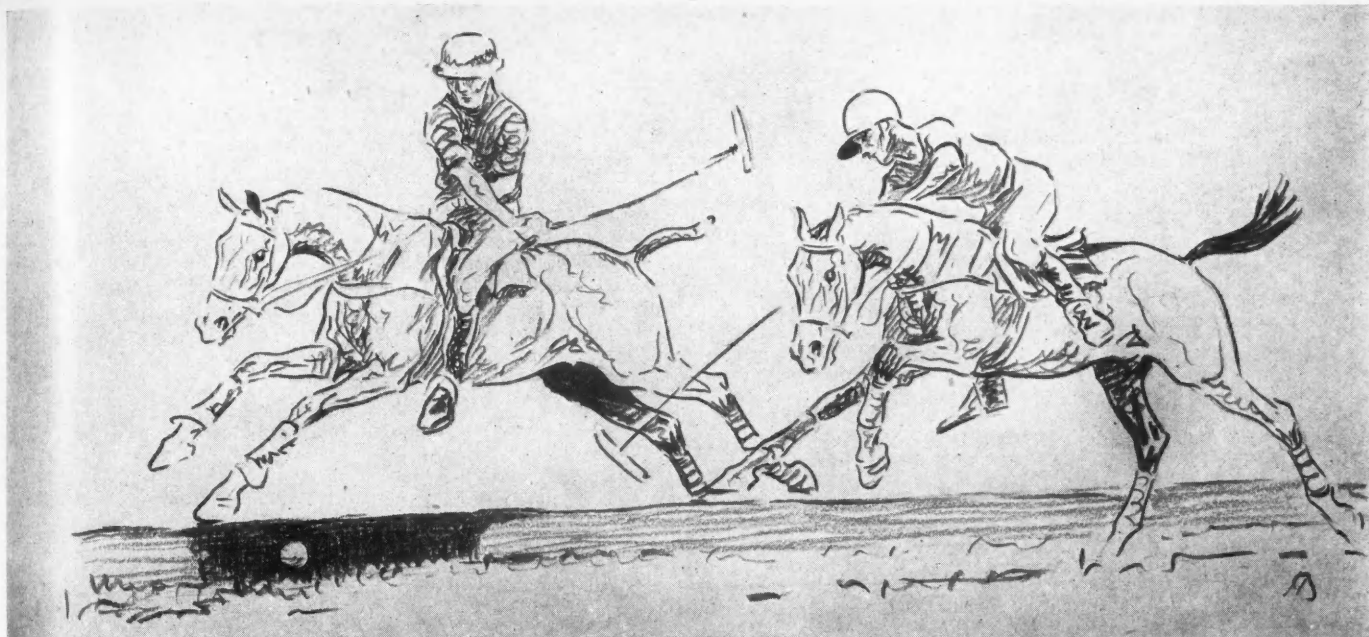
Hurlingham lined up with Balding at No. 2, Guinness at No. 3 and Lakin at back, as I forecast, and the combination was brilliantly successful, though they should have scored at least 4 more goals against La Espadaña and did not have much luck when shooting at goal. Guinness played his best and brilliant game on those fine heavy-weight ponies of his. Lakin was extremely sound and missed nothing, and Balding, who, I believe, is at his best at No. 2, despite his formidable weight, was the chief architect of his side's victory, though his magnificent game was less spectacular than some others. La Espadaña were not so well together against such talented opposition and Buchanan was distinctly out of form at No. 1. When he went to back in the fourth chukka and Garrahan came up to No. 2 behind Reynal they fared better.

I write before the second meeting, but I expect that Hurlingham will be hard put to it to beat the Argentines, who cannot be treated lightly. They all have an extraordinarily good eye and their ponies are quick to start and wonderfully handy. If they get a good start they may very well reverse the first result. Ross has been their outstanding player and at Cowdray against Hurlingham he was, in my opinion, the best player on the field; sustaining an uphill battle with courage and success, and quite unperturbed by the rubs of fortune.

I think that Hurlingham had, and will have, a slight advantage in pony-power. The reinforcements of Argentine ponies received at the beginning of the season have had a notable effect on the general standard of play. Moreover, their advent has made it possible to pass on some of the old ponies, still full of polo, but



THE PICTURESQUELY CLOTHED PETISEROS, WHO DO THE SCHOOLING FOR THE ARGENTINE TEAM



ON THE BOARDS

not quite so fast as they were, to some of the younger players, thus relieving the serious shortage of ponies, which is the chief handicap in our recovery. Several of these are undoubtedly of international quality. I do not think we need worry about top-class ponies, but the lack of a regular supply of made Argentine ponies at a moderate price, such as we used to import in large numbers before the war, and the fact that to produce such a type of animal in England has become uneconomical, is keeping too many aspiring players out of the game. Our chief home source of supply is from the race-course at present, but it does seem that English breeders, especially of Anglo- and part-bred Arabs, are missing an opportunity and it seems not impossible that, with the aid of certain wealthy enthusiasts, a training centre could be established to give early education to young ponies. It might even, in the course of a few years, pay for itself.

We have seen some grand polo at Roehampton and, though the attendance has been meagre on weekdays, we have had really large crowds on the Saturdays. Princess Elizabeth was present at the final of the County Cup tournament which ended the first week's play, and she graciously presented the cups to the members of the Beechwood team, who beat Henley by seven goals to one. Both this and the Junior Cup final were rather one-sided, for Maidensgrove beat Silver Leys, who play on Mr. Tresham Gilbey's old ground in Stanstead Park, near Bishop's Stortford, by 7 goals to 2½ after conceding a start of a goal and a half. Nearly all the other matches were very close-run affairs, a tribute to the handicapping.

The Roehampton fortnight ended in perfect weather before a large crowd of spectators with a brilliant win for La Espadaña, who gave Cowdray Park a start of three and a half goals in the final for the Roehampton Cup and beat them by six goals to four and a half. Cowdray's one goal was the first scored against the Argentines in the tournament, and it was scored in the last chukka.

There is only one ground available at Roehampton now, the No. 2 ground having been sacrificed to the interests of the golfers. With 13 teams in the County Cup and seven in the high-goal tournament for the Roehampton Cup, it was manifestly impossible to use the one ground throughout.

Accordingly, the first round ties were played in the country, at Cowdray Park, at Woolmers Park, on Mr. Arthur Lucas's ground, and at Sutton Place, that glorious monument of Tudor architecture, where the Duke of Sutherland, himself a notable player in days gone by, opened his new ground last season. Persistent flooding from the Wey during the late spring prevented the work

planned from being carried out and, to the general regret, the first meeting of La Espadaña and Hurlingham could not take place there. However, by the time the first round ties were decided the ground, apart from one rather soft patch, was playing well enough and a large crowd of holidaymakers enjoyed the brilliance and beauty of the scene, and some excellent polo. The going was excellent and was much appreciated at a time in the season when ponies are beginning to feel their legs.

One of the most delightful features of the Goodwood meeting is the polo tournaments which take place after racing in the lovely setting at Cowdray Park. On Bank Holiday the final meeting of La Espadaña with Hurlingham will take place at 3 p.m. and further tournaments will be held until the end of August. After that we shall have the always delightful week at

Rhinefield, with polo continuing at Orford, Henley and elsewhere.

No reference to the season could be complete without a tribute to the umpiring everywhere, under the direction of Col. Sydney Kennedy. If bad umpiring makes bad and dangerous polo the converse is equally true. There have been some complaints of "too much whistle," but at this time, with so many new players in the field, no infringement can be overlooked. It was noticeable at the first international that there were very few fouls indeed and, latterly, there have not been many stoppages on an average. Polo is a dangerous game, anyhow. To be sure an intentional foul is a rarity, but the rules are laid down to provide the maximum of safety and enjoyment. Where there is "too much whistle" it is almost invariably the fault of the players.

THE PETERBOROUGH HOUND SHOWS

By ROBERT COLVILLE

THE two main impressions I carried away from this year's Peterborough Royal Foxhound Show were, first, the excellence of the bitch hounds and, second, the outstanding and equal quality of both dog and bitch hounds from the Duke of Beaufort's, the Puckeridge, and the Middleton. This quality was shown in their conformation, particularly in necks and shoulders, and in their condition.

The judges of the bitch hounds, the Duke of Beaufort and Lt.-Col. O. W. Williams-Wynn, appeared to favour the larger hound, and they awarded the champion cup for the best bitch hound to Puckeridge Poetry, an unentered hound, who seemed to have the necessary size and—so far as one could judge—the necessary stamina to cover many miles of Puckeridge plough in a day. There can be no doubt that the excellence of Puckeridge Poetry, no less than that of the Duke of Beaufort's and the Middleton entries, derives largely from a long continuity of hound breeding policy—a happy circumstance which very few packs enjoy nowadays.

It is always difficult to judge hounds unless one is standing actually next to them, and it seemed to me, from a distance, that Hurworth Waxy might be too small to impress the judges. But I think everyone was glad that this extremely good-looking hound, who is by the influential Brocklesby Weaver '42, and who carries the Brocklesby look in every line, won the class for unentered bitch hounds.

The best dog hound was the Duke of Beaufort's Rector '47, a big, powerful hound, truly representative of the Duke's breeding. The most noticeable and satisfying impression of the entries in the classes for couples and two couples of hounds was undoubtedly their

levelness. After the war, when many Masters had to breed for numbers, many packs found themselves with hounds of varying sizes. This undesirable state of affairs began to disappear some three or four years ago, and, if the standard shown at Peterborough this year can be taken to represent a country-wide improvement, it is clear that this problem has been overcome by a careful hound-breeding policy.

In the Harrier and Beagle show, held on the day following, the beagles greatly outnumbered the harriers, and one possible explanation is that many breeders of harriers tend to produce miniature foxhounds. But the best bitch hound, Axe Vale Homage '50, a most attractive, light-coloured bitch, is a real harrier, and everyone was glad to see the West Country to the fore again after their difficult war-time experiences. The Easton won the cup for the best dog hound with their Primer '50, and were also reserve for the bitch hound cup with their Yarland.

The judges of the beagles appeared to me to be looking for excellence in short backs, necks and shoulders. Certainly they found all these qualities in the Britannia Boycott, who was most excellently shown. Boycott is by the great sire Eton Woodman '45, and seemed to me to have an even better back than his sire. Possibly this came from his dam, North Bucks Bashful '46. All the Castleton entry were remarkable for that traditional attribute of the beagle—a merry look—and few Masters can have been more delighted than those of the Farley Hill, who, despite a disastrous outbreak of hard pad last season, carried off both first and second prizes in the class for the best couple of bitch hounds of any age.

ASHBY ST. LEDGERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE—I

THE HOME OF VISCOUNT WIMBORNE

By CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY

For two centuries the home of the Catesby family, and so associated with Gunpowder Plot, the manor house was much altered by the Iansons in the 17th century, and greatly extended by Sir Edwin Lutyens between 1904-25

THE late Lord Wimborne and Sir Edwin Lutyens made the historic old manor house of Ashby St. Ledgers, between Rugby and Daventry, one of the most notable country houses in Northamptonshire, already rich in domestic architecture. Subsequent articles will examine the collaboration and its results, which continued intermittently for over 30 years (1904-39). It is the historic aspects of the place that are touched upon here, but at the outset two points call for emphasis.

In the whole vast and varied range of Lutyens's work, his association with Ashby was the longest, and it is further unique in being the only one in which the client can be said to have been definitely the dominant partner. Secondly, large as were the additions gradually made to the original nucleus, they have throughout been kept subordinate to the buildings' original character, so that Ashby predominantly remains what it was, a Tudor and Jacobean manor house.

It lies on three sides of a court immediately north of a beautiful little 15th-century church that is approached by the wide, slightly curving street of the village, consisting of thatched, orange stone, cottages and farm-houses (Figs. 5 and 7). An axial approach to the manor house has been made parallel to the street through the paddocks lying north of it. But the usual ways in are the old ones, either by a lane that brings one at right angles to a pair of 17th-century gate piers at the west end of the court (Fig. 1); or just west of the church (Fig. 2). Here the piers, similarly surmounted by stone shapes suggestive of enormous bottles, contain alcoved recesses such as are frequently met with in this position and, so far as they had

a use other than ornament, were probably intended as seats for strangers seeking admission. Beyond them the entry passes under the timber-framed gate-house (in which, traditionally, Robert Catesby, Guy Fawkes and the rest hatched Gunpowder Plot), between a massive ancient dovecot and a mediæval range, for long used as stables (Fig. 4), then through another gateway, whence the front of the house comes into view at a sharp angle. Within the court, the first impression is of collegiate seclusion, long, low buildings of golden-brown stone, rich in texture, set round lawns streaked with tree shadows.

Ashby, distinguished from other manors of the same name in the county by the dedication of its church to St. Leodegarius or Ledger, Bishop of Autun in the 9th century, came to John Catesby, of Ladbroke, Warwickshire, knight of that shire in Richard II's reign, by marriage with Emma Cranford, heiress of the previous owner. The Catesbys were for the most part worthy squires, some of whom attained knighthood, but the two occasions when they impinged upon history were disastrous. Both episodes, however, can perhaps be attributed to misguided loyalty.



1.—THE WEST GATES TO THE FORECOURT

The first was the case of William, son of Sir William Catesby of Ashby (d. 1470), who was attached to Richard Crookback, Duke of Gloucester, and is introduced by Shakespeare into the play as Sir William. On seizing the crown, the King appointed Catesby successively Speaker and Chancellor of the Exchequer, occasioning, with his other appointments, the famous rhyme:

*The Cat, the Rat, and Lovel our dog
Rule all England under a hog.*

Captured on the field of Bosworth by Henry Tudor, the Chancellor was beheaded at Leicester three days after the battle, but the attainder on his ancestral properties was soon reversed by the new king, so that his descendants continued at Ladbroke and Ashby. He directed that he should be buried at Ashby, where a fine brass in the chancel represents him and his wife, but, in the inscription, ante-dates his death by five days—possibly in order to gloss over the manner of it.

Sixth in descent from "the Cat" was Robert Catesby. His father, Sir William, who possessed considerable estates and had married a Throckmorton of Coughton, had maintained the proscribed religion, suffering severely in person and substance before he died in 1598. Robert, rich, strikingly handsome, and embittered by imprisonments, saw no prospect of relief from persecution but by the overthrow of the régime. He had made his home at Chastleton (in the predecessor of the beautiful existing house) while his mother lived at Ashby; but after taking part in Essex's conspiracy in 1601, he had to sell the Oxfordshire house, and, having lost his wife, Catherine Leigh of Stoneleigh, he came to live with his mother. When James I's government intensified the policy of repression, Catesby became the fanatical leader of the extremists and towards the end of 1604 began to finance the desperate scheme of Winter and Fawkes. Tradition points to the room in the gatehouse as the scene of their plottings. After discovery, the fugitives certainly made straight for Ashby, a distance of 80 miles from Westminster, which they covered in seven hours, arriving about dawn on November 5. On the evening of the 7th



2.—THE SOUTH ENTRANCE BESIDE THE CHURCH. The tradition is that Robert Catesby and the Gunpowder Plotters used to meet in the timbered gate-house



3.—THE FORECOURT. The manor house on the right, the north building on the left; the connecting range designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens

they made their last stand at Holbeach, in Staffordshire, where Catesby was slain. Ashby, being settled on his mother, was not forfeited with his other property. But in 1611 Sir William Irwing (a Scottish adherent of James I) obtained the grant of it and in 1612 sold the property to Bryan Ianson, citizen and draper of London, previously of Beaconsfield, and High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, from whose descendant it was bought in 1703 by Joseph Ashley, a Cumbrian, but also citizen and draper of London.

The original domestic buildings consist in three groups: the dwelling-house, seen on the right of Fig. 3; a somewhat similar north range, seen on the left; and the group on the south side (Fig. 4) of which the main range retains an arched doorway of 15th-century form. The only direct evidence of their age is the date 1652 in the south-east gable of the south side of the dwelling-house, which no doubt refers to the reconstruction

of that end and the beginning of the east front, never finished. But although much was done by the Iansons, the building shows several indications of earlier date. It is indeed tempting to see in the curious duplication of houses—the north range (at a subsequent date given a coach-house door at one end) almost equalling the dwelling-house in size—a relic of the double *ménage* set up by Robert Catesby and his mother in 1601. The nucleus of the house itself would certainly appear to be of mediæval origin. All the windows of the dwelling-house towards the court, moreover, consist in lights of early Tudor type beneath labelled drip moulds. This form continued to be used in some Northamptonshire buildings till well into the 17th century, and seems to have been repeated here in the dormer windows, of which the ball-surmounted finials imply their addition later. They resemble the dormers of the north range, in which, however, flat-headed

lights were used. Further indication that the dwelling-house was originally built not later than the middle of the 16th century is afforded by the ceiling beams of the northern ground-floor room, which has well-defined chamfers and stops.

In these views of the forecourt, the only additions made by Sir Edwin Lutyens which are visible is the range connecting the dwelling-house and north block, and the characteristic chimney-stack to the latter on the left of Fig. 3. In the village street the new block of cottages built in 1908 is no more prominent at first sight (Fig. 5). Looked at by itself, however (Fig. 6), the picturesqueness of this often-illustrated row proclaims his hand in every charming line. A quantity of old masonry was available, which was used in the lower sections of the walls so far as it would go, the remainder being built of brick and roughcast, and covered with the embracing thatched roof. The eight typical



4.—THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FORECOURT. With the dovecot, gate-house, and mediæval range



5.—THE VILLAGE STREET, LOOKING EAST

Lutyens chimneys are of brick. The group contains six cottages, each with parlour, kitchen, scullery and three bedrooms. Though they were in their time considered among the most up-to-date of estate cottages, bathrooms were not originally included, and an earth closet was provided at the back, accessible under cover through a wood shed. It was not until after 1918 that a bathroom and w.c. became standard features of all new cottages, and such matters as cubic space and ventilation became regulated by local authorities.

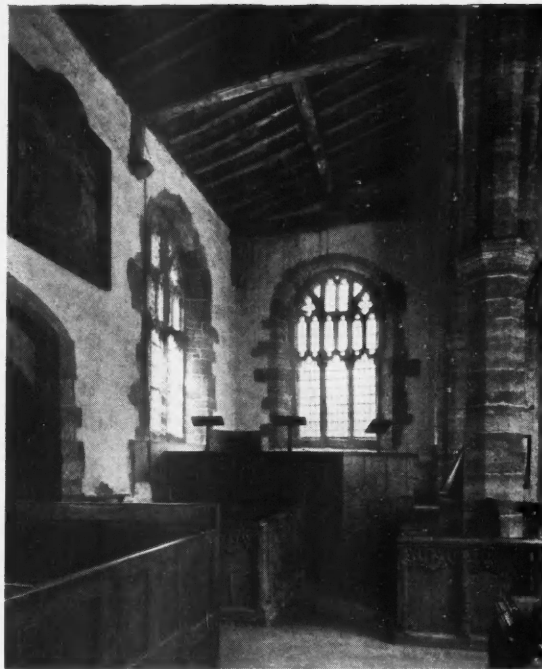
Ashby church is as notable in many respects as the manor house which it adjoins. Its nave and aisles were built and furnished in the first part of the 15th century—at the expense, it has been conjectured, of Mistress Emma Catesby and her son, after she took Ashby to that family. The interior is very well preserved—though the chancel was reconstructed in the 19th century—and retains fittings of every intervening epoch. The majority of the pews are of the same age as the building, while the pulpit and parson's pew, and the pews in front of the screen, are excellent work of the early 17th century.



6.—COTTAGES BY SIR EDWIN LUTYENS (1908)



7.—VILLAGE HOUSES NEAR THE CHURCH. (Right) 8.—THE CHURCH



9.—THE ROOD SCREEN (15th CENTURY) AND PULPIT (c. 1600). (Right) 10.—MEDIÆVAL PEWS AND THE MUSICIANS' PEW

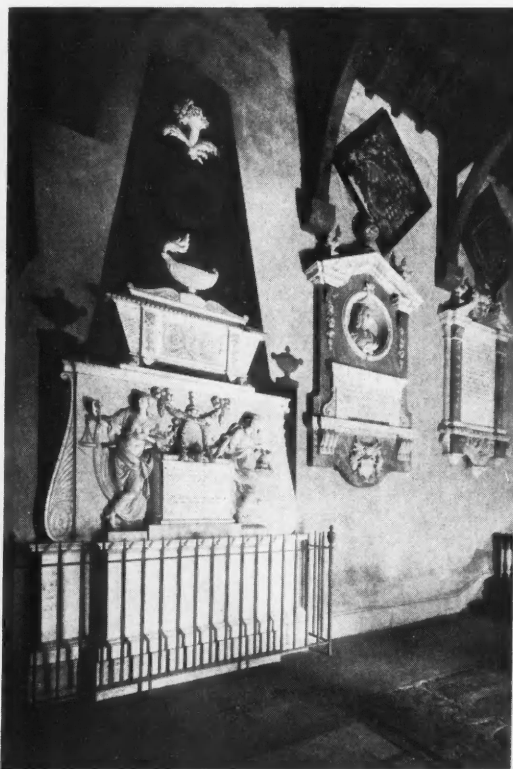
(Fig. 9). Georgian box pews remain in the aisles, and at the west end of the south aisle is the village musicians' pew (Fig. 10). The rood screen, originally painted, rood loft and stairs are intact (Fig. 9)—the only perfect survivals in the county, which was perhaps due to the Catesbys' Catholic staunchness at the time of the Reformation.

In the chancel most of the owners of Ashby are commemorated. In the floor can be seen (Fig. 12) the fragmentary brass of Sir William Catesby (d. 1470), father of "the Cat." At the east end of the north wall is the mural monument of the first Bryan Ianson and his lady, the purchaser of Ashby, who died in 1634 (though the date was not inserted in the space left for it). The handling of their children in the lower panel is reminiscent of late

Nottingham alabaster work, and not improbably the monument emanated from that centre (Fig. 11). The eldest son, John Ianson (d. 1657) is commemorated by the remarkable portrait in relief, possibly attributable to Joshua Marshall, erected, the inscription states, in 1663 (Fig. 13). An unusual feature is the introduction of hands holding the arms of his two wives. The two tablets in Fig. 12 commemorate (on the right) Joseph Ashley, citizen and draper of London, but originally of Broughton, Cumberland, who bought Ashby in 1703 and died 1739; and his youngest son Moses (d. 1737); the latter is portrayed by a bust. Both these monuments are signed by Nathaniel Hedges. Mr. Rupert Gunnis tells me that Hedges supplied chimney-pieces for Stourhead and Boreham (to the

Hoare family), and made the monument to Sir Thomas Denison at Harewood, Yorkshire (1765). He died in 1784. The imposing monument in the foreground of Fig. 12 is by John Bacon, R.A., to John Bentley Ashley (d. 1761), erected by his widow who survived him till 1784. On either side of the tablet are typical Bacon figures symbolising Justice and Wisdom. On Mrs. Ashley's death Ashby was inherited by the grandson of a younger brother of the original Joseph Ashley, who had remained in Cumberland. With his daughter, Ashby passed to Sir Joseph Senhouse of that county, whose descendants retained the property till its sale in 1903 to Mr. Ivor Guest, son of the first Lord Wimborne.

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11.—BRYAN IANSON MONUMENT, c. 1634. (Middle) 12.—ASHLEY MONUMENTS, BY BACON (left) AND NATHANIEL HEDGES. (Right) 13.—JOHN IANSON MONUMENT, 1663

FAMOUS WEST-COUNTRY FAIRS

By C. FOX SMITH

WHEN I was a child in the north of England, one of the recurring high lights of the year was the Wakes. It was held, I remember, in a rough pasture field beyond the railway embankment where the greengrocer's pony used to pick a rather scanty living, and when the caravans arrived and the tents began to go up and shrouded shapes which were presently to be roundabouts were unloaded from vans and lorries, local excitement grew daily more tense.

So far as we were concerned, the joy of the Wakes was one only partaken of under strong protest from one's elders. Nurses regarded "Wakeses" as low, and said darkly that "things were caught there as like as not, a nasty gypsy lot"; and it was only if a complaisant male parent or elder brother could be prevailed upon to take charge of the expedition that it received an unwilling consent, and we set off to return loaded with coconuts and glory, and with the exhilarating strains of the roundabout organ still ringing in our ears. Roundabouts, I remember, were permitted; swing-boats, on the contrary, were strictly taboo. "Now remember," the parting injunction ran, "you are not to go in the swing-boats"—whether for reasons of safety, or by reason of their freights of shrieking mill-girls, I have never really known.

To speak truth, but for the rosy spectacles of childhood, the Wakes was but a poor affair, with its shooting gallery and love-in-a-bucket and its hissing naphtha flares, so enthralling to the youthful fancy. Yet it represented in its way one of the most time-honoured of English institutions, one, too, which in its time played

an important part in the social and economic life of the community.

In their beginnings fairs, wakes, feasts, call them what you will, were probably associated with religion. Usually—as in the case of the great St. Giles Fair at Winchester—the King granted to some religious body the right to hold a fair for a stated number of days and to apply the tolls and other charges to what purpose they pleased. The crowds of people thus drawn together attracted others with goods of all kinds to dispose of, and thus, by degrees, the fair became one of the principal media for buying and selling of every sort. Often the religious association fell into neglect, and Goose Fairs, Cloth Fairs, Horse Fairs, Onion Fairs and what-not took the place of those dedicated to saints and martyrs. The fair, too, was the first labour exchange; the Mop, or hiring fair, drew to it men and maids in search of a new master or mistress, and employers in need of help for house, farm or dairy. The kind of work desired was indicated by a sign of the seeker's calling, worn or carried; a tuft of wool in the cap for the shepherd, a whiplash in the button-hole or round the hat for the horseman, a milking-stool for the dairymaid, a mop for the serving-maid. Employment was from one fair to the next, and the engagement could not be broken by either party for any reason but a serious one, such as, for example, flagrant dishonesty on the part of the employed or non-payment of wages by the employer.

The decline of the fair as a trading

institution set in in the 19th century. It was due to many causes, chiefly, perhaps, the growth of large cities and the increasing tendency to centralisation following on improved roads and, later, the coming of the railways; and, finally, the development of the weekly and monthly markets for cattle and produce. Gradually many of the surviving fairs became, like the Lancashire wakes, pleasure fairs pure and simple, while others simply died out altogether. Not long ago I happened to pass through the Devon town of Crediton on a day in April associated for centuries with what is still called the Great Market. Time was, so old inhabitants tell, when the market extended from one end to the other of Crediton's main street; but I saw nothing to indicate that there was a market at all but two pigs being pushed along the street with the implement known as a pig bat, and half a dozen farmers straddling in the middle of the road in the traditional manner of farmers at market.

None the less, there still remain in the West Country, where the hand of change has not been so ruthless as in many other parts of England, a number of fairs which retain their traditional customs, even though their economic importance has vanished. One of the most noteworthy of these is the July Fair at Honiton, where the curious custom of the Hand of Welcome is still kept up with all its ancient ceremonies. The Hand of Welcome is—or was—an institution common to many West-country fairs. Exeter, whose Lammas Fair, once the centre of one of the city's perennial ructions with the Earls of Devon, still survives in name if in little else, used to display one; so too, did—and I believe, still does—South Molton, on the occasion of its annual sheep fair, when the hand grasps a tuft of wool between its fingers.

Honiton's fair is sometimes known as St. Margaret's Fair, and it is supposed that in its beginnings it was held in support of a leper hospital in the neighbourhood of which St. Margaret was the patroness. This seems probable enough, for the famous fair at Durbidge in Cambridgeshire, now extinct, was granted by the King for the upkeep of a similar foundation.

In the old days, of course, the swings and roundabouts, the Aunt Sallies, the boxing and wrestling booths—of which more anon—were only side issues, quite apart from the main business of the fair. Now the position is changed and while a few rough gypsy ponies may be brought in for sale, pleasure is the principal concern of the day.

At the appointed hour for the fair to open, the town crier, in full panoply of cocked hat and gold lace, proceeds the whole length of the street, announcing in stentorian tones:—

"The glove is up—the glove is up—the glove is up! The fair is open—the fair is open—the fair is open!"

And finally: "No man may be arrested for any offence during the twenty-four hours that the glove remains in position."

This last proviso—which, is, in fact, literally observed—sounds rather like an encouragement to law-breakers. But on closer consideration there is a snag in it. It relates only to offences committed within the borough boundary, and the exemption from arrest is similarly limited; so that the offender had to choose between leaving his sanctuary and being taken into custody, or staying where he was until the period of grace was over. One imagines that the regulation came into being for the simple reason that the town lock-up provided accommodation so hopelessly insufficient for the fair's drunks of those days that the powers that were abandoned the hopeless struggle and, for once, turned a blind eye upon the offender.

The Hand of Welcome, gilded and garlanded, is carried at the head of the procession along the street and erected over the porch of one of the principal inns, where it remains for the duration of the fair, and after it has been placed in position pennies, heated on shovels, are thrown down for the children to scramble for.

Among other Devon fairs still observed are



HONITON FAIR, DEVON: THE TOWN CRIER, CARRYING THE HAND OF WELCOME, ANNOUNCES THAT THE FAIR IS OPEN



"AT BAMPTON, ON THE BORDERS OF EXMOOR, THE FAIR IS STILL A PONY AND SHEEP FAIR FIRST AND FOREMOST"

Tavistock Goosey Fair, so called probably because roast goose figured on the menu for the day at the local hostelry, Barnstaple Fair, which fixes the date after which Devon folk should harvest their apples, and, of course, Widecombe Fair, whose fame in song has unhappily had the effect of commercialising it to such an extent that it has lost most of its traditional character and become largely a venue for loads of trippers. "I call that a cruel song," a Devon man once said to me, "fancy all they gurt chaps all on one horse!" And Uncle Tom Cobbleigh and his companions—like the Dartmoor pixies—have been reproduced in pot and brass, on post-cards and village signs, until one begins to wish they had never been invented.

Apart from the pleasure fair, and little noticed by the invading hordes of trippers, a good deal of business is still done at Widecombe in ponies and sheep from the Moor; and over at Bampton, on the borders of Exmoor, the fair is still a pony and sheep fair first and foremost. It is sad to think that so many of the wild youngsters with their woolly tails and tangled manes have been destined in recent years for no better fate than to be sold for slaughter. Fortunately, steps have now been taken to check as far as possible this ruthless massacre of the innocents, which might otherwise have resulted in the practical disappearance of the Exmoor and Dartmoor ponies, so delightful and characteristic a feature of the countryside; the breeds have been improved, fresh blood introduced, and the youngsters find an increasing sale as children's mounts.

In Cornwall, as elsewhere, the fairs which have survived the centuries are now devoted almost exclusively to amusement, though a little business is still done here and there in the buying and selling of horses and second-hand cars. Truro Whitsun Fair up to about seventy years ago was one of the most important in the county, and records describe in flamboyant terms the glories of the various attractions, such as the circus riders who paraded the streets in all their panoply of gorgeous costume, the dwarfs and wild animals, and a showman who "ground Buonaparte to atoms nearly a thousand times a day"—presumably with his teeth. Penzance's Corpus Christi Fair is still kept up, though here, again, much of the glory has departed.

It must have been in 1936 or 1937 that I visited Summercourt Fair, one of the most famous and certainly one of the oldest in Cornwall. I had heard glowing accounts of its almost legendary glories from a Cornishwoman who in those vanished days came to us in a domestic capacity; and she never tired of expatiating upon the marvels of the fair and the tremendous

crowds to be seen there. "Oh, my dear soul," she would say, "you never did see such a throng of people." So, when I found myself by chance within an easy drive of Summercourt on September 25, I decided to pay it a visit.

The fair is one with an interesting history. Originally it was known as Penhale Fair and was held at the neighbouring village of that name; but at some date which remains uncertain, probably before 1800, it was transferred to Summercourt, a small place, little more than a hamlet, situated at four cross roads at the exact centre of Cornwall. The story of the transfer is curious. A white glove was hung up by the proprietors when the fair opened, and a challenge was issued to all comers to secure the glove and carry it off, taking the fair with it. Despite the vigilance of the glove's guardians, a Mr. Huddy succeeded in capturing the prize, and Penhale Fair became Summercourt Fair and so remains to this day. The glove was last challenged in the time of the present proprietor's great-grandfather, but the custom seems now to have fallen into desuetude.

Summercourt Fair was also known formerly as Goose Fair, the birds proper to the season being cooked in the traditional manner on the open fire and consumed by the fair's patrons at the various places of refreshment, known as

bush houses, from the green bushes hung out as a sign to customers.

Alas! The glory described by our domestic waxes—it existed chiefly in her imagination and in recollections of childhood. There were cheap-jacks selling plaster images and infallible corn-cures. There were two mournful little monkeys asleep in each other's arms in the corner of a tent. There were roundabouts of all sorts, and for old sake's sake I had a ride on one. There were no galloping horses, so I had a turn on a kind of lunatic train with red plush seats, on which for several highly uncomfortable minutes I experienced the complete sensation of a pea on a drum. Perhaps I am older. For whatever reason, the modern fair contraptions with their electric organs and jazz music lack the thrill of the old-time roundabouts, whereon—to the strains of *After the Ball* and *Two Lovely Black Eyes*—one realised, as Black Prince (with one ear missing) or White Surrey (lacking half his tail) rose and dipped with ever-increasing speed, the very poetry of equine motion.

One thing, however, I was fortunate in seeing at Summercourt, and that was a Cornish wrestling contest. Such contests (so I am informed by the Rev. L. V. Jolly, himself a descendant of noted wrestlers) were formerly a feature of most of the Devon and Cornwall fairs and revels, and the names of Abraham Cann, champion of Devon, Gundry and Chapman are still remembered from the days when "there were giants in the land." Falmouth, in Nelson's time, St. Columb and Bodmin were formerly the scene of the chief wrestling bouts, and it was not until later that it became one of Summercourt's occasional attractions.

The characteristic feature of West-Country wrestling is the stout canvas jacket by which the contestants catch each other; there is no formal hold as in Cumberland practice. Either one hip and both shoulders, or one shoulder and both hips, must touch the ground before a fall can be claimed. At one time heavy shoes might be worn, and sometimes the wrestlers did not omit to use them. A writer towards the beginning of last century alluded in the plainest of terms to the savagery displayed in some contests, especially among the tanners; kicking and even biting were freely resorted to, and serious injuries to one or other competitors for the belt were not uncommon. The sport nowadays, however, has lost much of its primitive character, and at Summercourt, where one sat on a green bank and watched the stocky young tanners, fisher lads and farmers' boys locked in a stubborn grip, and struggling to get each other down to earth, there was no suspicion of anything approaching foul play. It is a clean, healthy, typically English, and so far unprofessionalised sport; and it will be a sad day when no one is left to carry on its traditions for yet another generation of fair-goers.



SUMMERCOURT FAIR, CORNWALL: A WRESTLING MATCH IN PROGRESS

HABITS OF THE HOODED CROW

By RICHARD PERRY

THOUGH he does not know it, I owe Ludwig Koch a special debt, for it was not until he produced his unique gramophone records of bird songs and call-notes that I was confirmed in my belief that the hooded crow's sea-lion-like barking curr-curr was always distinct from the carrion-crow's harsh caw. This is not, of course, the hoodie's only utterance. There is that rather high-pitched quaa-aa, quaa-aa, delivered when it shoots down from the crags in long stoops, with primaries closed, at such speed that one might mistake it for a peregrine; and in January a warm sunny day will inspire one to sail and bank on broad wings over the prospective nesting wood, soaring and diving, with a deep-toned quorr-rah, quorr-rah. For me this mellow corvine booming augurs spring as much as the song of any small bird. Nor indeed will the hoodie boom after April has passed.

Not that this spring "song" has any association with pairing. Hoodies are to be seen in pairs throughout the 12 months, and as early as the opening days of December one will alight on a boulder beside another and bow and caa to her, spreading his tail at each obeisance. Even when a flock of 40 or 50 are quartering the moors on a January morning for bearberries and whortleberries, if no carrion in the form of dead sheep or deer is available, one hoodie may have the sudden impulse to take up a stance on a near-by cairn and boom defiantly.

A pack of crows floating up from a fold in the moors usually bodes ill-omen for the shepherd, though even a hoodie can do useful work, often perching on a sheep's back in search of blood-sucking ticks and keds; but there was one occasion when such a gathering fooled me. Seeing five hoodies hovering up and down over a hollow in the moors, I was puzzled to note that they were not mobbing a buzzard, which was doing the same, wing to wing with them. Creeping up the hill-side, I was still more astonished to find that three ravens were also present: but instead of a dead sheep the attraction proved to be a live black cat crouching in the bog!

I write of our own grey crow of the Scottish Highlands and Islands, and also of the Isle of Man, and of Ireland, wherein the hoodie is known only as a resident. In Scotland it ranges wherever anything edible can be filched, from the windswept machair of bare green Atlantic islands to the strong-smelling wrack and garbage of a Hebridean ob, and up through birchen glen or pine forest to the endless waste of moors and the crags of the lesser mountains below 2,500 ft. Nothing comes amiss to the hoodie. On the muddy shores of a tidal backwater, beside a straggling township of fishermen and crofters, it hops backwards and forwards, seizing guts and fish-heads from under the very beaks of the monster black-backed gulls, beside which it appears unexpectedly diminutive. There are no bounds to its impudence, for one morning on Holy Island, when a four-year-old great black-backed gull was tearing at a rabbit carcase, one of a pair of hoodies was not only sneaking in for an occasional pull at the carcase, but actually seized the tip of one of the monster's wings again and again, flapping up and tugging hard at it. The gull made no attempt to retaliate against his persecutor (it was, of course, too heavy to be upset), nor even bothered to threaten it whenever it released its hold.

In the autumn the hoodies invade the crofters' corn plots, in company with rooks, jackdaws and gulls, to tear the grain from the leaning stooks, already battered by wind and rain; or quarter the ragged stubbles for voles

and beetles. Though useful as scavengers in disposing of carcases left unburied by lazy shepherds, they are nowhere welcome. But never was there a more wary bird, except in the Shetland Isles, where the man with the gun is an uncommon sight, and where even young hoodies are safe in their nests on the extreme points of inaccessible headlands. No matter how silently and secretly the hen-bird may slip away from her wool-lined nest in a rowan-tree beside some remote Highland allt, or in the heart of some birch or pine forest seldom visited by man, some time the keeper will surely spot her, if he watches the other predators on his beat: for if raven, buzzard or eagle pass too close to the nesting tree, up will mount the cock hoodie to harry his gigantic neighbour, continually stooping on the eagle perhaps, until upwards of a mile distant from the sanctuary, when he breaks off the pursuit.

So shy and wary, these Highland hoodies

mussels, for the denchmen are great lovers of shell-fish. These they carry to the shingle beach and there, flapping up to a height, drop at the summit of their climb. They do this again and again, if the shells are not shattered, and if they fall on a patch of sand, instead of shingle, they eventually abandon them in disgust.

It is in the second or third week of October that the first of the denchmen arrive on our east coast, though in the Outer Hebrides I have seen grey crows of unknown origin on passage with ravens and short-eared owls as early as August 30.

Strangely confident they seem, these first European immigrants, as they stand watchful on the rocks, blinking their glassy eyes, at a distance of only 20 or 30 yards. Some, at any rate, are young birds with only a few black feathers on their breasts; and they come in small numbers only—often a hoodie and a carrion-crow together—one or two at a time flapping in from sea when there is a southerly haze.

In a normal year East Anglia is the main gateway into the British Isles for the denchmen from both Scandinavia and the Baltic. But in an autumn when west and north winds, instead of south and east, prevail there is a great passage of hoodies, and to a lesser extent of other crows, all the way up the east coast and beyond the Border. Such conditions prevailed during the autumn of 1941, and on the morning of October 30, when the wind was northerly, I was surprised—at that time—to observe a flock of 25 hoodies migrating low north-west over Holy Island. Earlier in the morning carrion-crows and starlings had gone up on the same fly-line. The next day a flock of 30 hoodies, together with some carrion-crows, came up over the harbour on the same route, hovering for a short while over the stubble-fields before passing on north-west. This was the prelude to a northerly passage that was to continue almost every day until the end of November, and was especially marked during the first fortnight.

On November 1, when several flocks, up to 40 strong, together with some carrion-crows and an occasional rook, came up, it was an object lesson in bird migration to observe how the various flocks followed the line of the island dunes as far west as possible, before ultimately putting out north across Berwick Bay to pick up the Scottish coast. How loath they were to embark on a sea-passage, many packs milling around hesitantly over the fields as they approached the north side of the island! One pack of hoodies and carrion-crows, indeed, circled back again to the fields from the end of the dunes rather than venture forth.

Both crows and rooks were migrating together on the 3rd, often alighting to feed on the bleached cattle pastures and headlands before continuing on their way; and the next day the hoodies, sometimes outnumbered by rooks, and accompanied on three occasions by flights of from 15 to 20 jackdaws, were constantly passing north over harbour, island and slakes from eight o'clock, and no doubt earlier, until noon. Some remained on the island until the afternoon, and it was three o'clock before the last flock of the day, comprising more than 100 hoodies and rooks, passed north. The passage of all four was less intensive the next day, though a flock of 55 straggled past at 2.30 p.m., about the time that those hoodies resident on the island were returning south across the harbour to the roost they set up on the mainland every winter.

It was very leisurely, this last stage in the journey to winter quarters. On the 9th, for



HOODED CROWS AT THEIR NEST ON AN OLD BUILDING

are hardly to be thought of as the same crows as those winter immigrants from Scandinavia and the Baltic, which hop about east-coast foreshores so confidently; indeed they may differ in plumage somewhat, those from the Highlands lacking that clear-cut contrast of black hood and wings and grey body. Many of these Highland hoodies inter-breed with the carrion-crow, and there is one forest in the central Highlands where I can always be sure of seeing a hoodie-carrion pair, and I have noted other instances of inter-breeding on the Solway Firth.

No, I should not choose the Scottish Highlands if I wished to study the daily life of the hooded crow. Against the immense Highland wastes the hoodie is lost as an individual, and I like to see him best at short range, working on the shore, though such observations are normally restricted to the habits of the wintering crows from across the North Sea, the traditional denchmen of east-coast shore and marsh. Then, on a winter's morning, all along the shore as far as eye can reach, are to be seen gulls interspersed with hoodies busily searching for horse-

example, a flock of 50 migrating hoodies had to satisfy their curiosity and come down to mob my black spaniel, which was chasing rabbits in the dunes, even settling on the ground beside her when she sat down to rest. Their last big passage movement was reserved for the 14th, when it was calm, after several days of northerly gales approaching hurricane force; and as many as 500 were within one's field of view at one time, and more than 120, together with some carrion-crows and a few rooks, in a single flight.

One does not expect to see birds migrating north in the autumn. What had happened is that, north and west winds over the British Isles being complementary to unfavourable weather on the Scandinavian coast, those hoodies which would normally have crossed direct to the North Isles of Scotland instead followed the European coastline south to more favourable weather conditions and a short sea-crossing in the region of the Channel, before finally making their way up the coast of Britain to their wintering quarters in the north of England and Scotland—though how, in following this round-about route, they were aware of the precise location of the latter is another matter. It is possible that Eagle Clarke was correct in believing these northing crows to originate in Central Europe. The few recoveries of hoodies ringed in Poland do not, however, support this view, as the only bird to be recovered at any distance west of its ringing place had migrated to the Vosges. Probably not all these northing hoodies do find their way to their traditional winter-quarters, for in such years the numbers wintering on Holy Island are much in excess of the normal, with hundreds ranging the island, and continuing to do so until the first week in April.

Little is seen of them in any year on their return migration north in spring, though I have a note of a flock of more than 50 on Holy Island on April 30. Throughout May and June,

however, occasional individuals or small flocks pass through. These must be non-breeding birds for one reason or another, and one I noted on June 10 lacked many of its primary feathers. But the urge to return to breeding grounds is strong even among these laggards. As late as May 17 I have watched an easterly passage of hoodies over Noss in Shetland; one flight of 11 alighted among the nesting bonxies on Noss Hill; on June 3 another flight of 13 circled, caa'ing over the Noup, reluctant, again, to venture on a sea passage. Some, however, summer in Britain. One first-winter hoodie kept company with one or more carrion-crows on Lundy from May 29 to July 19; and in 1937 after solitary hoodies and even pairs—some in fine plumage—had frequented Holy Island throughout June and July, a flock of seven, unusually tame and very badly in the moult, appeared on the island on July 22 and stayed until September 4.

The question is: where do those very considerable numbers of hoodies wintering in Britain originate? East of the Elbe the hoodie's range extends over the whole of Europe and Siberia, but a study of the recoveries of several hundred ringed birds, mainly nestlings from Finland and Norway, does not quite fulfil one's expectations. So far as the British Isles are concerned, recoveries have confirmed traditional beliefs: a Norwegian nestling recovered in Sutherland in November, and another in Norfolk in February; two Swedish nestlings recovered in Suffolk and Lincolnshire in November and October respectively; two from Denmark recovered in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire in January; and finally a curious record of one trapped near Danzig in April—presumably while returning to summer-quarters in Lettland or Finland—which was released in Schleswig-Holstein a few days later and recovered the following April in Perthshire.

But when one comes to examine the records

of more than 400 Norwegian recoveries, one finds that less than three and a half per cent. have been reported outside Scandinavia—in Denmark and Holland—while well over half have been recovered within 20 kilometres of their nesting-places. I have not yet been able to check the Swedish ringing records, but compare these Norwegian figures with those of Finnish crows, 55 per cent. of the 150-odd recoveries of which have been reported abroad. From these and other records it is clear that the great majority of East Baltic crows winter along the north German coast as far as Denmark, and only a small percentage reach Belgium and Northern France. Thus, probably few Baltic crows winter in Britain, and the bulk of our European immigrants are likely to be Swedish rather than the traditionally Norwegian, for without exception Swedish recoveries, even from as far north as Lapland, have been reported south-west of their ringing places, whereas Norwegian recoveries have been mainly to the south.

Although some of their migratory journeys may involve individual crows in flights of up to 1,500 miles on a straight course, and considerably farther by the circuitous coastal routes which the bulk of them demonstrably follow, the hoodies' migrations are markedly restricted in comparison with those of many other species. Thus, while hoodies have been ringed well north of the Arctic circle in Norway and a little farther east than the thirtieth parallel in Finland, none has been recovered wintering farther south than the fiftieth parallel or west of the Scottish mainland. Everywhere in Europe, as in Britain, every man's hand is against the hoodie. In Norway, for example, recoveries amount to nearly one-third of all those ringed, and the latter's subsequent expectation of life works out at no more than 14½ months, or 18 months if born in Finland! Nor have I been able to find any record of a hoodie surviving more than 7½ years after being ringed as a nestling.

OTHER PEOPLE'S CLUBS

A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

I HAD just got to Aldeburgh and gazed once more on one of the most attractive of all golfing views, with the fairways radiating in all directions and the gorse and the fir trees. The fairways were looking just a little dry and yellow, but the greens were miracles of verdant beauty and made me instantly defy my chronic putting "staggers" and try a putt. The first news I heard was that two old friends of mine were going to play nine holes together after lunch, because the man wanted to try the lady's irons. Not feeling quite so young or so strong as he used to be, he had begun to think his own irons something too ponderous for him and thought that his opponent's lighter ones might suit him better. I have not yet heard the result, but one or two reflections occur to me, and one obviously is that he must be very rich even to contemplate the possibility of buying a whole new set of irons, numbered from 1 to 8, I suppose, with a wedge and a blaster into the bargain.

My second reflection, which really flows from the first, is that the commandment against coveting one's neighbour's clubs is not, as I fancy, broken nearly so often as it used to be. I am myself perfectly guiltless (worse luck!) because the most seductive iron in the world would be of no use to me; but I think that the more fortunate do not envy—to say nothing of deliberate thieving—other people's clubs as we once used to do. For one thing, I doubt if there is such a thing nowadays as a really bad club; all the sets that I see appear miracles of steely spring and perfect balance, and lovely shiny heads protected by their little hats; and if there is no such thing as a bad club, the wicked longing to possess somebody else's good one cannot be so urgent as it was.

To that rule, if it is a rule, there is one obvious exception. Even leaving out of account the new Open Champion's eminently personal putter, with its "pencil" grip, flange at the back of the head, feather weight, and so on, putters have still characters and pedigrees of

their very own and are not mass-produced. I can perfectly well imagine disguising myself in cloak and mask to steal a putter, needless to say with a wooden shaft. But once upon a time the most respectable of men, men utterly above suspicion, went very near to stealing their friends' irons. I was actually staying in a house at Gullane, a good many years ago now, when such a virtual theft was committed. I remember that Arthur Croome subsequently wrote an account of it. He had a mid-iron of rare quality which he had himself "borrowed" from John Low. Dear James Braid was one of our party, and in a four-ball match at Hedderwick he two or three times asked for a loan of this club, with the result of several long iron shots laid stone dead and a record score. A day or two later he was departing by the night train, and, calling Arthur aside before leaving, suggested that the iron ought to play its part in winning a championship. "I suppose you've got to have it," said the owner, at once grudging and flattered. "I'll go and get it for you." "You needn't trouble," was the answer; "it's in my bag—I thought I'd just tell you about it." If such a beloved monument of honesty could commit such deeds, of what would not lesser men have been capable?

The temptation used to be so great, because clubs were not standardised, and a particular iron, having something about it unlike all other irons, was as a ship that passed in the night: it was seen for a moment and then lost in the distance. To-day, if anybody feels an unholy craving for somebody's number 4, or whatever it may be, he can mark it down and go and buy a similar set which shall contain a facsimile. It may cost him a great deal of money, since he may have to acquire half a dozen clubs for the sake of a single peerless one, but still he will not have the hopeless feeling that the love of his life is gone and lost for ever.

My own form of thieving seems to have been connected with the ladies. I never could buy a good club for myself, but when I bought

one for a near relation it always turned out to be palpably too big and heavy for her, though exactly the thing that I wanted to fill a gap between two other irons in my own bag. That story had at least for me a happy ending. Not so the story of my Macedonian spoon. I never saw the nursing sister to whom it belonged, but a friend of mine borrowed it from her for me, and it was a lovely little spoon. I never in all my life acquired half such confidence in hitting as I did with that club "sent from beyond the skies," and I had fully made up my mind never to give it back unless absolutely forced. Then most unluckily I watched two officers in the R.A.M.C. playing, very far from well, on a course consisting mostly of tin cans outside a hospital and wrote a too facetious article about them. That was the very hospital to which the nursing sister was attached, and for all I know she was also attached to one of the officers. At any rate she sent a curt message demanding her spoon, and there was nothing for it but to return it with maledictions disguised as thanks.

I remember in my youth that there was one famous borrower of clubs, not in any nefarious sense of the word. This was that most romantic figure, Douglas Rolland. By all accounts he habitually came to play an exhibition match with two or three clubs at most tied together with a bit of string, but once, so we were always told, he arrived at the old Tooting Bec course to play a match against Tom Dunn with no clubs at all. An irreclaimable votary of pleasure, he had enjoyed some tremendous spree in London on the way and left his clubs behind him, he knew not where. However, he borrowed some at Tooting, annihilated the unhappy Dunn, and broke the record of the course. Another earlier hero, Bob Ferguson, afterwards three times champion, won his first tournament with borrowed clubs, but that for a reason more prosaic than Rolland's, namely, that he possessed none of his own. Those were simpler days.

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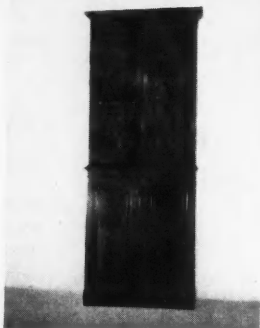
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THE DESTRUCTION OF WASPS' NESTS

SIR,—In these days of amateur repairs many owners of country houses possess a blow-lamp, and those who do have a cheap, easy, quick and perfect agent for the destruction of wasps' nests.

The method, which to my mind is safer than that employing cyanide, is as follows. Mark the nest in daylight to avoid fumbling about after dark. Allow time for all wasps to be back home. Get the lamp going full blast and insert it in the entry to the nest. Thirty seconds is enough. In our small place of slightly more than one acre we last year destroyed six nests and had comparative peace, whereas the village, 2-300 yards away, was plagued all summer. One nest we dealt with, a very lively colony, lent itself to easy excavation, and when this was done not a sign of life was found.

If one has to deal with a hanging nest, the lamp must be inserted in the hole at the bottom. Naturally, that rare commodity, common sense, must be brought into play and regard must be had to the surroundings of the nest, such as old wooden buildings, rotten hollow trees, peat soils and so on.—H. W., *Northumberland*.

PIGEON POST

SIR,—It may interest some of your readers to learn that at Bisley this year our shooting eight, the Ashburton Shield winners, made use of pigeons to keep the school informed of day-to-day progress. The birds were the semi-wild inhabitants of the old pigeon loft and were trained for the job by boys of our Scout troop. I understand that these enthusiasts are now planning for a box of birds to be taken to all away rugger matches next term. One can foresee possibilities

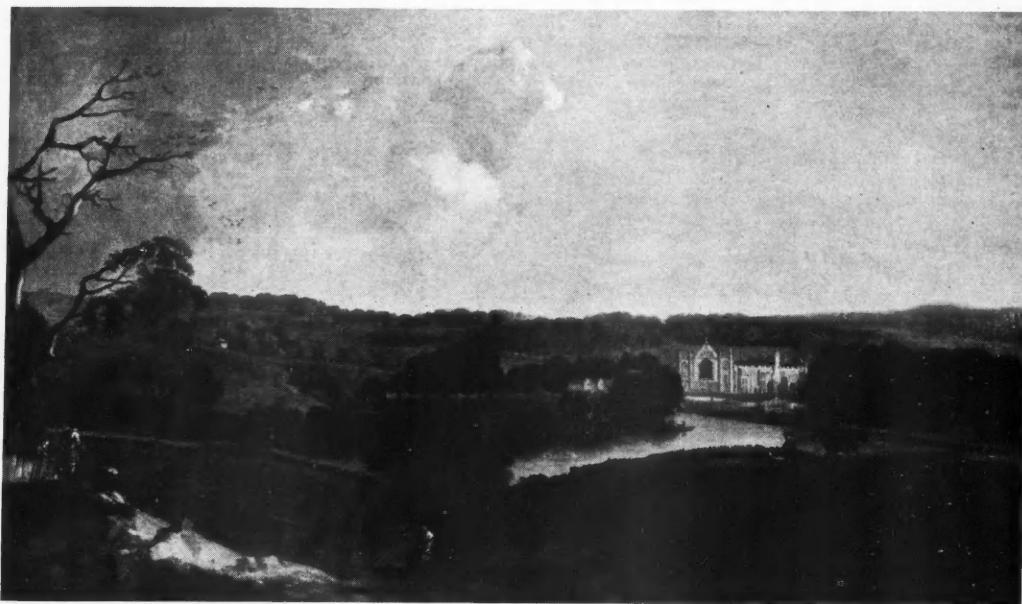
Abbey, near Linby, in Nottinghamshire. The house belonged to the Byron family, and Tillemans was much employed by the 4th Lord Byron, whom he taught to draw. Newstead was built about 1540 by Sir John Byron, who used the materials of a 12th-century Priory on the site. Most of the Priory was demolished, but Sir John left the west end of the church standing, and it is by this ruined remnant that the Tillemans pictures can be identified.

County Hall on June 26. There are newly-planted saplings (including birch trees), shrubs and other plants in the vicinity, so that I should not be surprised to encounter other moths there.

At the entrance to New Scotland Yard, the following morning, I saw a newly-emerged common yellow underwing alight on a wall. This is by no means the first time that I have found this familiar moth there; it seems to be peculiarly attracted to that par-

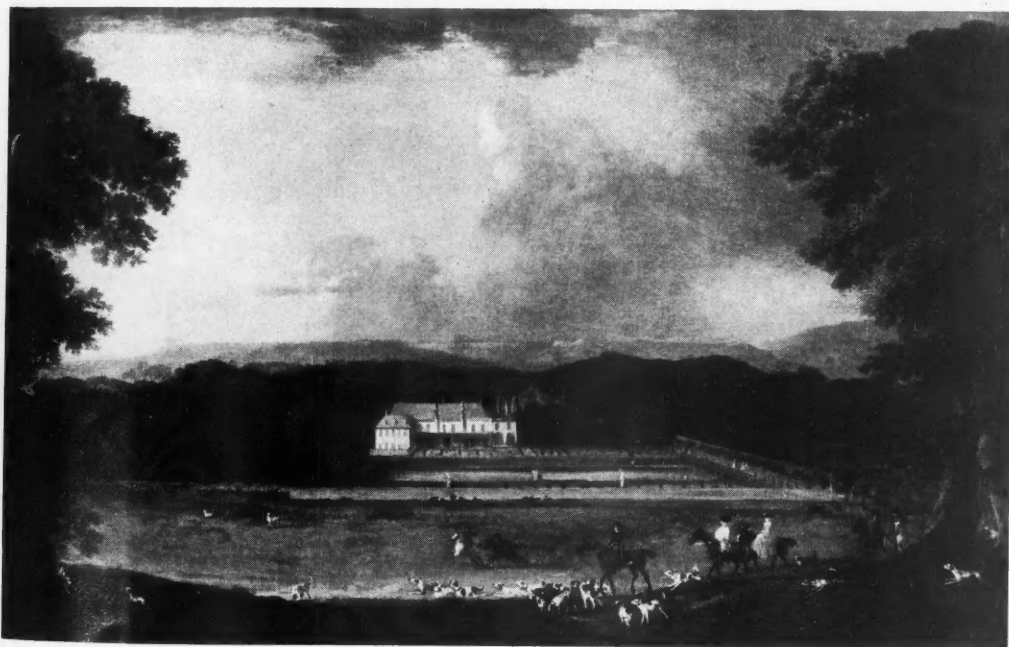
Char, on the Dorset-Devon border, may be despoiled by caravan sites. Here, in London suburbia, caravan sites are deplored by the planning authorities and new sites are not permitted, despite the acute housing position. Yet one of these hideous sites is to be developed near the Dorset coast.

To many of us who are working hard, in spite of heavy taxation, with a view to raising a mortgage to purchase a house in the country,



TWO VIEWS OF NEWSTEAD ABBEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, PAINTED BY PIETER TILLEMANS ABOUT 1725

See letter: Newstead Abbey in the 1720s



in this idea if rival schools adopt falconry! — PETER N. LONGRIDGE (Rev.), *Allhallows School, Rousdon, near Lyme Regis, Dorset*.

NEWSTEAD ABBEY IN THE 1720s

SIR,—I enclose photographs of two paintings by Pieter Tillemans showing views of a country estate with sporting scenes in the foreground; they were painted about 1725. I am anxious to trace where this house is and whether it is still in existence, and should be grateful if you or any of your readers could tell me.—R. A. LEE, 1, *The Terrace, Richmond Hill, Surrey*.

[These paintings depict Newstead

Since then the house has changed considerably, for in 1817 it was sold by Lord Byron, the poet, to Colonel Wildman, who rebuilt much of it in the Gothic taste. Newstead Abbey now belongs to the Corporation of Nottingham, and is regularly open to the public.—ED.]

BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS IN LONDON

SIR,—In my experience this year has so far been a poor one for butterflies and moths in central London, though I did find a perfect example of the not over-common miller moth (*Apatele leporina*) on the embankment by the

particular block, and I have no doubt that a not too diligent search would locate larvae or pupae.

Both the large white butterfly and the small white were plentiful in Westminster on May 28, but so far conditions for the most part have not favoured the vanessid butterflies that not infrequently occur in the heart of the Metropolis. — PETER MICHAEL, 56, *Cranmore Lane, Aldershot, Hampshire*.

CARAVAN SITES

SIR,—Thanks to Brigadier Tomes's letter (July 20) many people are now aware that the pretty valley of the

developments of this nature are most disconcerting. Will the time come shortly when the countryside will have been completely despoiled by town-dwellers escaping from town environment?—A. E. MOATT, *Oaklands, Oakhill Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey*.

A PLEA FOR ROE DEER

SIR,—All sportsmen will welcome the recommendations of the committee appointed to enquire into practices or activities which may involve cruelty to British wild mammals. As an admirer of British deer I am glad to read that a legal close season for the killing of stags and hinds in Scotland is recommended. That is a step in the right direction.

Fallow and roe deer are mentioned in the Report, but there is no suggestion that these two species be afforded any protection. At paragraph 195, on page 53, it is stated that roe are well able to take care of themselves. Presumably for this reason they need no protection.

On page 56, paragraph 207, the committee states that, in their view, the shooting of deer with shotguns must inevitably be accompanied by a great deal of suffering. No suggestions, however, are put forward as to how such suffering be alleviated, except a table of recommended shotgun charges, loads and ranges—a recommendation, incidentally, which is far from easy to comply with. Deer drives frequently result in the death of youngsters and does in fawn. The wily buck all too often gets away. As has been proved on the Continent, great execution can be done among roe deer by proper stalking with suitable rifles.

It would appear that the evidence of the forester has been too strong against both roe and fallow. They have again been relegated to the ranks of vermin, but at least it is satisfactory to hear that they may in future escape the menace of the snare. Roe

deer are largely excused from being a serious pest to agriculture.

Deer of all species have, for many years, been afforded protection at certain times of the year in North America and in most European countries. The forester has vast interests in both America and Europe. In so far as fallow and roe are concerned, the conditions in Europe are frequently similar to those in these islands. I suggest that, when the time comes to formulate laws for the protection of the red deer, both the other two British species be brought within the scope of such legislation.—HENRY TEGNER, *East Riding, Morpeth, Northumberland.*

the fairs. The splendidly decorated merry-go-rounds were, no doubt, made by the Lynn firm which has sent steam roundabouts all over the world.—CLIVE LAMBERT, *S.W.1.*

THE STRAWBERRY IN VERSE

SIR,—I should like to point out that the strawberry was the subject of at least one poem before Mr. Innes's (July 13), namely *My Strawberry*, by H. H. Jackson, which can be found in the *Golden Treasury of Songs and Lyrics*, edited by F. L. Knowles.

The poet gives us quite a comprehensive and satisfying picture of

request: "Please to remember the grotto!"

The grotto, built on the pavement, consisted of a number of oyster shells arranged to form a small hut. I fancy it was in September that these grottoes appeared, but I cannot be sure.

The custom appears to have died out many years ago, and I should be interested if any of your readers could give me information as to its origin, the meaning of it, and whether and approximately when it disappeared.—VICTOR BONNEY, *Seabournes, Much Fawley, Hereford.*

[It seems probable that the practice of making these grottoes has not

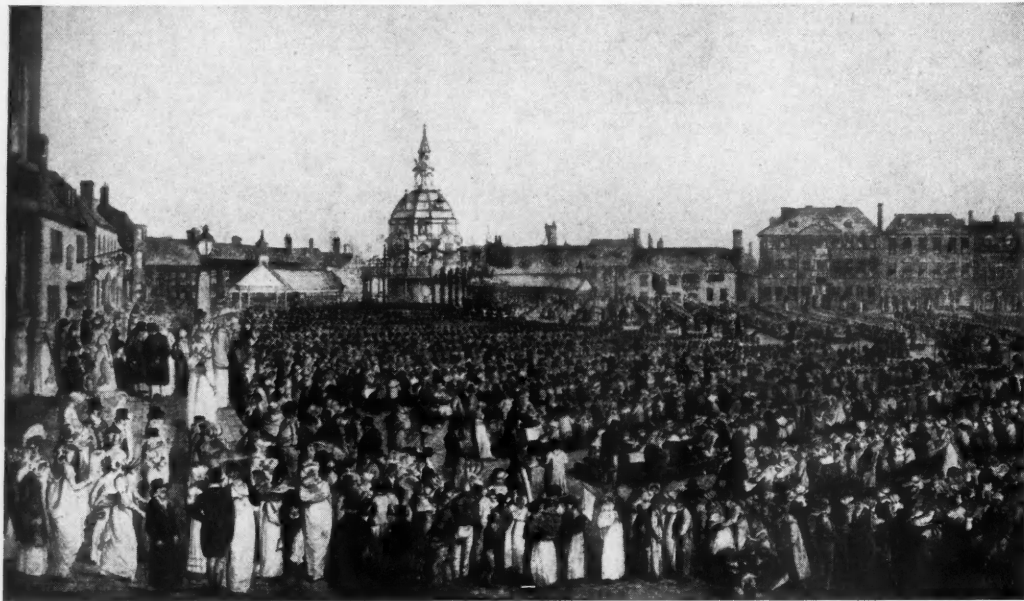
the staple diet of Devonians is supposed by foreigners to be Devonshire cream. A. C. Bradley, who spent his boyhood in the county, and in his *Exmoor Memories* wrote a delightful account of it, speaks of Devonshire, but adds that when in Canada he was rebuked by a Canadian for doing so. As for the county title, which goes back to Saxon times, Dunstond in his *History of Tiverton* (1790) speaks indifferently of earls of Devon and earls of Devonshire. On the monument (1419) of Edward Courtenay, the third of his family to hold the title, was inscribed the curious epitaph:

*Hoel! hoel! who lyes here?
'Tis I, the goode Erle of Devonshire,
With Kate my wyfe, to mee full
dere;
Wee lyved together fyfty-fyve yere;
That wee spent wee had;
That wee gave wee have;
That wee lefte wee loste.*

From which perhaps one may conclude that Devonshire is correct, but that if one likes to say Devon for short (and to make it rhyme with heaven) there is ample precedent.

In the article *Ring O' Bells*, Miss C. Fox Smith does not mention that there is a Devonshire style of ringing, also common in Cornwall. In England as a whole change-ringing proper is practised. Each bell changes continually according to a method, the conductor calling the requisite bobs and singles. In the Devonshire style a bell changes only when called to do so by the conductor, and the ringers continue the same change until another is called. It is this style which produces the competitions, unknown in other parts of the country. The call-change ringer would be as much puzzled by the directions of C. A. W. Troyte's *Change Ringing* as the non-ringer.

There are over 300 rings of bells in the county, in fewer than sixty of which method ringing is practised. Troyte's book (1869), from which Miss Fox Smith quotes, and the founding of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers



THE GREAT FEAST IN THE TUESDAY MARKET PLACE AT KING'S LYNN IN CELEBRATION OF PEACE: JULY 22, 1814. (Below) AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE PROCLAIMING OF THE MART THERE

See letter: Festivities at King's Lynn

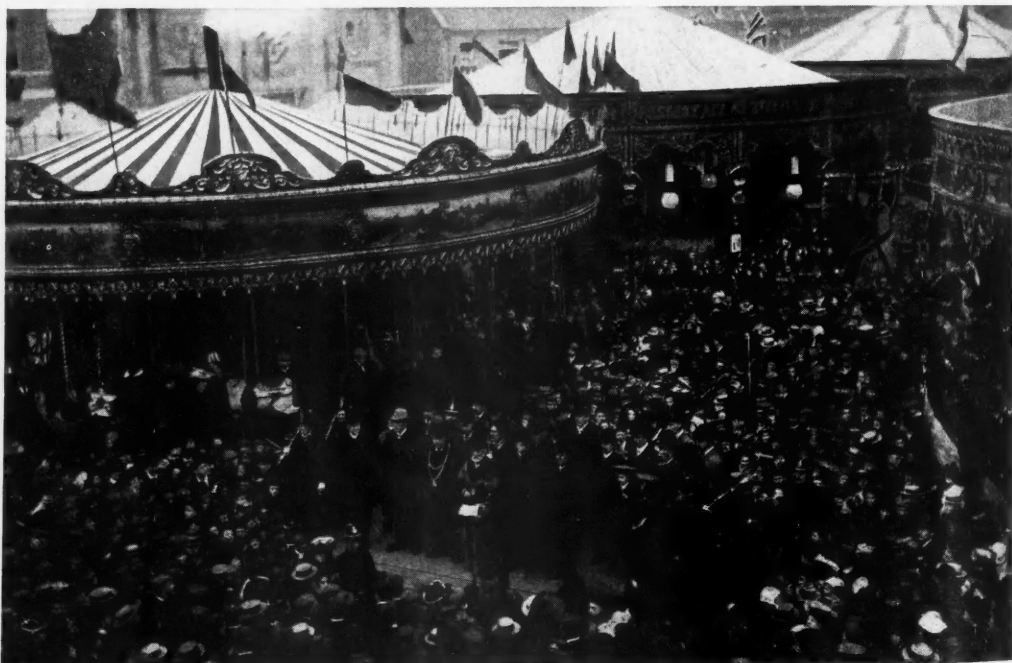
FESTIVITIES AT KING'S LYNN

SIR,—Your articles on King's Lynn and the Festival being held there this month recall a former occasion of rejoicing commemorated by a water-colour which hangs in the Town Hall. It was the rather premature celebration of peace in 1814 before the escape of Napoleon and the Hundred Days that ended with Waterloo. The day of festivity (July 22) fell in the week chosen for the King's Lynn Festival of 1951.

A great open-air feast was held in the Tuesday Market Place, which then still had Henry Bell's market cross to preside over the gathering. H. J. Hillen in his *History of King's Lynn* describes how "5,963 persons besides attendants sat down to an abundant repast, at which 41 barrels of beer, 430 plum puddings, 430 stones of beef (eight bullocks of 55 stones each)" were consumed. There were sports for those capable of competing after the dinner and in the evening a grand firework display.

The drawing is signed W. J. White. An engraving of it was made by the architect, Francis Goodwin, who was a native of Lynn. The drawing is full of amusing detail. In the right foreground a veteran who has lost a leg in the wars hobbles into the picture on crutches. Two boys are teasing a dog, whose owner is about to thrash one of them with his stick. A child held by her mother waves a flag. Two men dance a jig. On the pavement in the foreground outside the Hogges' town house (now Barclay's Bank), a party of the quality stand watching the proceedings.

Your readers may also care to see an old photograph of the proclaiming of the mart in the Tuesday Market Place in February, 1903. Two yearly fairs were granted by Royal charter in 1537, but this only confirmed earlier privileges, while altering the dates of



this "fruit of fruits" in a poem of thirty-four lines concluding with the lines:
*I stretch my hand and dare to taste,
In instant of delicious waste
On single feast, all things that went
To make the empire thou hast spent.*

—S. HIGGINBOTTOM, *Fir Tree House, Giddygate Lane, Melling, Liverpool.*

"PLEASE TO REMEMBER THE GROTTTO!"

SIR,—When I was a young boy it was common in London to be accosted by several young urchins with the peculiar

died out, since they have been seen in South London within the past two or three years.—ED.]

DEVONSHIRE OR DEVON?

SIR,—May I comment on two matters affecting Devonshire which appear in COUNTRY LIFE of July 6?

In *A Countryman's Notes* Major C. S. Jarvis raises the question of whether it should be called Devon or Devonshire. The county class cruiser is H.M.S. *Devonshire*, the county regiment is the Devonshire Regiment,

five years later were notable events in belfry reform. In the 18th century ringing had become secular, and ringers were not exempt from the prevalent drunkenness. But now for many years the guilds and associations have been emphasising the ringer's status as a church worker, and any deviation from absolute sobriety would be tolerated by neither ringers, parson, nor people. The objects of the Devonshire Guild are: "to recognise the true position of Ringers as Church Workers; to encourage ringing for Divine Service;



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A FIELD GATE OF TWO TRIANGULAR SECTIONS AT BRANCEPETH, COUNTY DURHAM

See letter: A Novel Gate

to promote order and good feeling among Ringers; to cultivate the art of scientific Change Ringing." The competitions run by the Devon Association (the call-change ringers' organisation) are, needless to say, perfectly well conducted. It is the custom for all ringers' meetings of both styles of ringing to include Divine Service.

One may perhaps add for the sake of accuracy that a 12-bell method is called Maximus not maxims; that Grandsire Minor, although given by Troyte as an exercise, is not really a minor (or 6-bell) method, and is never rung; and that St. Giles-in-the-Wood is near Great Torrington, St. Giles-on-the-Heath being the village on the Cornish border.—J. H. B. ANDREWS (Rev.), Chittlehampton Vicarage, North Devon.

DEVON DIALECT

SIR,—Mr. M. C. Collier, in his letter about Devon dialect, mentions the word "gollard," the origin of which is unknown to me and is as difficult to define as "bungy." The common saying is: "Bungy pon truckles, all vlesh an' no knuckles," which is a nickname given to a thick-set man with very slender legs. Your correspondent also mentions the fact that "her" is used for a bull and "she" for a cow; one might add that hens and cats and other females are always called "he" in the dialect. "Leary" means empty or hungry. A cart without a load is said to be "comin' back leary"; a hungry person will say, "I'm veelin' a bit leary, I hope the dinner'll be yer zoon."

A letter written ninety years ago reads thus: "Tom was bad in's jaws las' night; he walk'd vo'th an' back,

an' to an' agin the chimber till he was jist rampin'. He'th (he has) jist had his tooth draw'd; there was zich maurs (roots) to 'n you would be blessed to zee 't. The doctor gie'd 'n two twicks, (jerks), an' bullyragg'd (scolded) Tom 'caus he scritch'd. He zaid he hadn' a-got no more heart 'n a goose-chick (gosling)." The common saying is: "He's zo waik 's a goose-chick."

Recently a Devon woman said to me when speaking of her daughter who was about to be married: "'ers had 'er finger bandaged, her'l soon be drowed (thrown) over the poopit (pulpit)—her's been all dru the orchard an' picked up wi' a grab (bad one); he's allus vocattin about (chattering in an idle manner)." —DEVONIAN, Buckerell, Devon.

BUDGERIGARS AT LIBERTY

From the Duke of Bedford

SIR,—Many country-lovers know the thrilling flash of blue as an unexpected kingfisher darts away and they probably regret that, by reason of the shyness and unsocial habits of our most gorgeous resident bird, the experience is so transient and uncommon.

I wonder, however, how many people realise that, at the cost of an expenditure in money and trouble, modest by comparison with the result achieved, it is possible for almost any owner of a country garden containing a few trees to have, not merely one kingfisher bird-effect, but a small flock of graceful little birds of every shade of blue, green, yellow and white darting about with rapid, swallow-like flight—running on the lawn and paths and doing no damage of any kind.

After some previous unsuccessful experiments with budgerigars at liberty, I last year hit on the right technique, with the result that I now have an addition to the amenities of my garden which friends who have seen it sometimes describe as almost too good to be true.

Possibly some readers of COUNTRY LIFE may wish to share the benefits of my discovery; if so I shall be only too pleased to advise them.—BEDFORD, Crowholt, Woburn, Blechley, Buckinghamshire.

A NOVEL GATE

SIR,—When visiting Brancepeth, which is part of the Duke of Westminster's estate near Durham, I was particularly impressed by the new field gates which are replacing the traditional five-bar pattern.

As will be seen from the enclosed photograph, the gates are split diagonally and so hinged as to permit the opening of each triangular section independently. While there are numerous novel gate-catches in use in the north of England, this type of field gate is in my experience a complete innovation, and it looks extremely smart in its finishing coat of pale cream paint. — C. W. PHILLIPS, 1, Belle Vue, Crook, Co. Durham.

LLANTHONY PRIORY

SIR,—I was much interested in the article on Llanthony, Monmouthshire, in your issue of June 8. When I visited the ruins of the church, built by Father Ignatius, recently I was distressed to see the state into which it had fallen. The vault in which he is buried has fallen in and is covered by rubbish. It seems to me that something should be done to make decent the grave of one who, a short while ago, was a noted figure.—CHRISTOPHER HUGHES, Marlborough.

VILLAGE OWNED BY THE CONQUEROR'S COOK

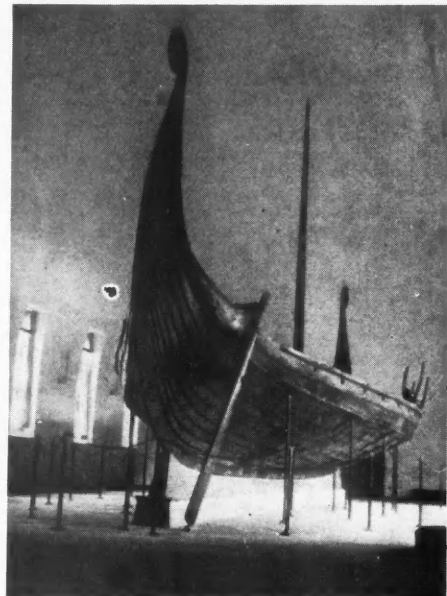
SIR,—Some time ago you published an article on the greater private pews which survive in some parish churches. In the church of the little-known village of Goathurst, in Somerset, the former south chapel is now a spacious private pew, and a photograph of a section of the ceiling and cornice (with coloured coats-of-arms) may be of interest to your readers. The effect,

though not particularly ecclesiastical, is pleasing.

Outside the church there is an attractive line of almshouses, dated 1780, unoccupied and now the worse for neglect. In these days of a housing shortage the emptiness of the whole range seemed rather surprising, but in the village (which is within four miles of Bridgwater) I was told that they had not been inhabited for some years, that major repairs were needed and that there was now some talk of a Government grant. Goathurst is at the foot of the Quantocks: at the time of the Domesday survey the place belonged to William the Conqueror's cook.—WESTCOUNTRYMAN, Somerset.

1,000 YEARS OF SEAFARING

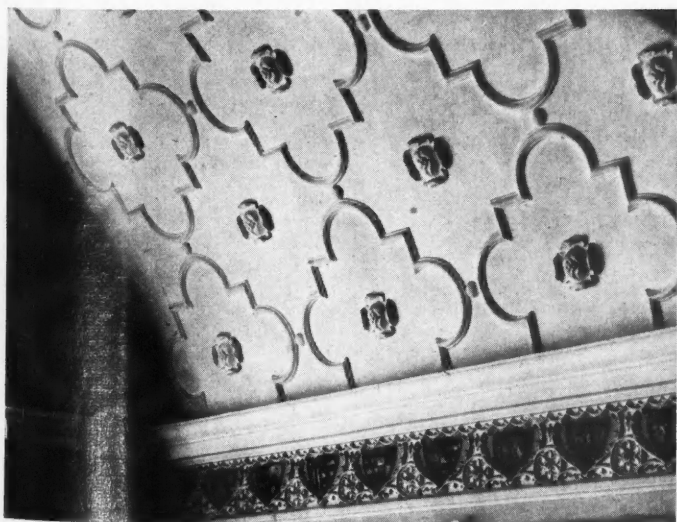
SIR,—The enclosed photograph shows one of the three Viking ships on exhibition in Oslo and was taken by me recently when I was on a visit



A RECENTLY EXCAVATED VIKING SHIP ON VIEW AT OSLO

See letter: 1,000 Years of Seafaring

there. These ships, which were excavated not long ago, are a thousand years old, thus dating to the time of the Norse voyages of discovery to Greenland and America. They have, of course, been considerably repaired and touched up by experts to bring them to their present state. Together with Nansen's famous ship, and the Kon Tiki raft, these tokens of a great seafaring nation provide a fascinating sight for the visitor to Oslo.—J. B. CARSON, 28, Bellevue Terrace, Skipton, Yorkshire.



THE DECORATED CEILING OF A PEW IN GOATHURST CHURCH, SOMERSET. (Right) THE VILLAGE ALMSHOUSES

See letter Village Owned by the Conqueror's Cook



NEW BOOKS

HISTORY IN CHURCHES

A HUMAN face peering out of a screen of leaves was a favourite subject of our mediaeval carvers. It occurs in an endless variety of designs on bosses and misericords, capitals and corbels, typifying (so it seems) all those pagan beliefs which in an ostensibly Christian world still peeped out of the backwoods of the mind. Its living original was, no doubt, that popular figure of fun who appeared in the summer festivities, Jack o' the Green or the Green Man. A fine example from a misericord at Holy Trinity Church, Coventry, is reproduced in Miss M. D. Anderson's latest book, *Looking for History in British Churches* (John Murray, 25s.), and it might appropriately have been set as the frontispiece, for the object of her search is the record of "the human face divine" to be discovered in every ancient church no matter how small or remote.

The subject is an inexhaustible one and, like the foliated mask itself, takes the enquirer back far beyond the dawn of Christianity in these islands. Numbers of hill-top churches, like Edlesborough, illustrated in this book, stand on sites sacred long before they were built and a few, such as Rudston in Yorkshire, still have a standing stone in their churchyards. There are churches built out of Roman materials and some, like the church at Silchester, probably occupy the sites of Roman temples. From the names of villages in Wales and Cornwall and the dedications of their churches we can reconstruct a little of the history of the dark centuries following the departure of the Romans. Miss Anderson has a fascinating chapter on the distribution of Ogham inscriptions, and, to jump a few centuries, gives a map to indicate the dispersion of the Norse wheel-crosses from their greatest concentration in the Isle of Man.

The Rise of St. George

So the story goes on. At Fordington, on the outskirts of Dorchester, there is a Norman tympanum showing St. George slaying, not the dragon, but a Saracen, while two Crusaders kneel behind him. It was in 1098 at the Siege of Antioch during the First Crusade that the saint was believed to have made his miraculous appearance, and within a generation the event, which led to his ousting Edward the Confessor as our national patron saint, was represented in carved stone in this Wessex church. Miss Anderson does not allude to the supposed association of the glass in the east window of Gloucester Cathedral with the battle of Crécy, but she reproduces a detail from the window at Middleton, Lancashire, showing Sir Richard Assheton and the seventeen archers with their chaplain whom he took to Flodden, where he was knighted on the battlefield.

The book is divided into two parts, "Traces of the Past" and "Traces of the Passers-by," and in the later section we are introduced to the great and the humble, the merchants and mariners, pilgrims, minstrels and players, and the common people at work or play, as infants at the font, as guilty lovers or on their deathbeds receiving the extreme unction. The chapter on the players goes into the absorbing subject of the influence of the religious drama on sculpture and painting and painted glass. The feathered angels of the 15th century, it seems almost certain, were so represented because those who played angelic parts in the mystery plays wore feathered tights. Another equally interesting subject and as yet very little studied is the influence of woodcuts on late Gothic carving. Miss Anderson reproduces a detail of engraved decoration from a Book of Hours printed in Paris about 1500 and

proves by photographs that it was copied by carvers on the De La Warr chantry chapel at Boxgrove and a misericord in Bristol Cathedral.

A book of this nature might easily be an amorphous collection of facts or degenerate into a dull catalogue, but Miss Anderson has used judgment, skill and artistry in the choice and arrangement of her material and she writes with grace and an infectious enthusiasm. On the subject of the 10th-century country gentleman's church with its drawing-room atmosphere her light irony is a refreshing change from the automatic reverence for all things Georgian.

The notes collected at the end of the volume will tempt many to probe deeper, and, incidentally, they show the range of the author's studies. This is a delightful book, written by one who carries her learning lightly, but she is altogether too modest in describing herself as no more than an enquiring amateur. It is a pity that the straitness of these days did not allow three times as many illustrations, but the fifty-odd given have been admirably chosen.

A. S. O.

THE FIGHT FOR THE ASHES

THE often (if not always) stirring events of the M.C.C. tour in Australia and its lessons of tactics and strategy are presented in detail in *Elusive Victory* by Major E. W. Swanton (Hodder and Stoughton, 12s. 6d.) and *In Quest of the Ashes, 1950-51*, by Bruce Harris (Hutchinson, 10s. 6d.).

Obviously one cannot regard these two books or their authors from a competitive point of view. If Mr. Harris can now claim something of a journalistic record with his four cricket tours in Australia, his colleague, Major Swanton, has at least two to his credit and has broadcast nearly forty Test Matches. But these are not matters they, or we, should worry about; their books provide us with graphic and accurate accounts of the successive matches, each has a background of informative and entertaining narrative concerning the tour as a whole, and both are provided with the necessary photographic illustrations—action pictures, portraits and occasional "comic turns."

Their general commentaries on the conduct of affairs are by no means identical, and the two critics fix on different matters for comment. Mr. Bruce Harris is anything but satisfied with what he calls the "scatteration" policy. What, he asks, would have happened if we had won the Ashes—a triumph which our grandchildren will enjoy one day? Home in England they would have wanted to see the liner come into dock dressed over-all, with band playing and colours flying. "If instead of this the victors return furtively by half a dozen ships and aircraft at different times and to different ports, cricket-lovers will not be at all pleased. Have the M.C.C. no sense of showmanship?"

If one can find nothing quite so provocative for discussion in Major Swanton's commentary it is not because he is less zealous for the reputation of the game and, as may be imagined, it is equally knowledgeable and readable.

R. J.

MAN IN BRITAIN

IN the survey of British Natural History—or synthesis of British Ecology, as its editors call it—which is being published by Messrs. Collins under the title *The New Naturalist*, the latest volume is one which considers man himself in his relationship, through the ages, with the natural environment afforded by the British Isles. *A Natural History of Man in Britain*, by H. J. Fleure (Collins, 21s.), is therefore a new departure in the realm of historical study.

38 in black and white combine with 76 line drawings by Alison Birch to make it a delight to the eye as well as a mine of pictorial reference.

Roughly, the book is divided into two parts, the first dealing with prehistoric immigrations and with what is known of the early inhabitants and their environment. This part is carried down through the Roman period to what Professor Fleure calls the time of the Norse Sea-rovers. "Modern times" begin with the Norman invasion. Undoubtedly the most interesting of the late chapters to most readers will be that which deals with the physical and other characteristics of the people. Others deal with dwellings through the ages, with the evolution of villages, the planning of towns, the social significance of church and castle, and with communications and transport. Chapter 9, which is devoted to the anthropological characters of the British people, contains much information and many inferences resulting from research by Professor Fleure himself. E. B.



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Professor Fleure is well known on both sides of the Atlantic as a geographer and has served as President of both the geographical and the anthropological sections of the British Association. His qualifications to undertake this new volume are remarkable, though it will, as the editors suggest, bring the reader little nearer to deciding whether Professor Fleure should be classed as historian, anthropologist, geographer or naturalist. He combines the rôles to perfection.

Of the general character of the book it is impossible to speak too highly; 38 colour photographs and

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THE STANDARD VANGUARD

By
J. EASON GIBSON

It was as long ago as October, 1948, that I first tested the then completely new Standard Vanguard, and as its makers have since concentrated on the one model with success, I felt that it would be of interest to see whether its outstanding qualities had been maintained and in what directions it had been improved in the light of their experience with it in the markets of the world.

Most of the improvements are principally in the bodywork. Greater attention is now paid to dust-proofing and heat and sound insulation, the seating has been modified slightly to give greater leg room to the rear seat passengers, and a folding arm-rest has been added to the front seat. Mechanical alterations have been confined to detail improvements in the carburation, and to eliminating the tendency for the flexible exhaust pipe to fracture after very hard driving over rough surfaces. Spats have also been fitted to the rear-wheel arches, and this has greatly improved the car's appearance.

The car I tested was fitted with the Laycock de Normanville type of overdrive, which is

(its wheelbase is only 7 ft. 10 ins., and its length 13 ft. 8 ins.). The front seat measures 56 ins. across and the rear seat 56½ ins., so that it is possible to carry six people. The very wide V-fronted windscreen gives excellent vision, as do the side and rear windows. Swivelling ventilation panels are fitted to the leading edges of the front windows and in the rear quarters. In addition, the latest type of air conditioning is fitted, so that ventilation should be no problem. There is ample luggage space, without any overhang, and as the floor of the boot is low, and the lid opens upwards, loading or unloading is easy. The body is well fitted with receptacles—cubby holes on the dashboard, pockets on the doors, and a handy shelf behind the rear-seat squab.

Engagement of the gears is carried out hydraulically or by spring pressure, and the changes can be done, up or down, no matter whether the engine is pulling hard or the car is coasting; moving the gear lever only an inch is enough to find the additional overdrive position.

Readers who have had no experience of any

proofing which has been done is most effective, and this is probably symptomatic of the manner in which the car as a whole has been improved. Like those of the first model, the road-holding qualities of the car are most impressive; it is no exaggeration to say that in many ways the Vanguard handles like a racing car, since, despite the softness of the suspension and the smoothness of the steering and other controls it can be driven in a most precise manner, and even at much higher cornering speeds than the average motorist would attempt can be placed to an inch. Over surfaces of any type the suspension gives a most comfortable ride, and appears to me to be in the top class for such conditions as Continental *pavé*.

While at speeds below, say, 15 m.p.h., it is apparent that the engine is only a four-cylinder; once the open road is reached its smoothness is all that anyone could expect, and even up to maximum speed there is no noise or roughness. Owing to the excellent acceleration in the range between 30 and 70 m.p.h., the Vanguard is one of the fastest cars from point to point. And full advantage can be taken of the acceleration no matter what the surface, and twisty roads are a pleasure to drive on. In my earlier report I referred to the pleasant feeling that the car was running light even at speeds between 60 and 70 m.p.h. This feature is still apparent, but becomes even more noticeable with the overdrive gear in use. One great advantage with this system is that the actual moment of selecting the gear is not effected by an electro-hydraulic mechanism, but remains under the driver's control. This seems to me to be preferable to the many trans-Atlantic systems in which the driver's task is over-simplified and the transmission system over-complicated.

Owing to the completely flat floor in both front and rear compartments it is easy to change one's position slightly on long runs, and thus reduce fatigue. The addition of a folding central arm-rest on the front seat is a great convenience to both driver and passenger. The spring-loaded bonnet opens widely, and all the under-bonnet components can be very easily reached, including both the oil filler and the oil dipstick.

An interesting point is the way in which the use of the overdrive helps to lower the fuel consumption. If I used normal top gear, the consumption worked out at 23 m.p.g., but when I took every possible advantage of the overdrive the figure became 26 m.p.g. The consumption for the whole of my test was 24.5 m.p.g., and this included the period of flat-out driving while I was obtaining the performance figures.

Despite the rise in price caused by the doubling of purchase tax the Standard Vanguard remains, in my opinion, very good value for money.



THE NEW STANDARD VANGUARD SALOON. The way in which the car's appearance has been improved by the fitting of spats over the rear wheels is clear

available as an extra. The performance has been obtained by the clever inter-relation of power and weight in alliance with a well streamlined body, rather than by forcing an amount of power out of the engine which might cause unreliability. The four-cylinder overhead-valve engine gives 68 brake-horse-power at the relatively low engine speed of 4,200 r.p.m., and the low weight of the car—24 cwt.—has permitted a high gear ratio to be used, apart entirely from the overdrive. Replaceable liners are used in the cylinders (in direct contact with the coolant), so that even after a very great mileage there is no need for re-boring. A full-flow oil filter is incorporated in the lubrication system, to help to keep the oil pure.

The chassis frame is composed of rectangular tubes, cross-braced by box-section members, and extra resistance to torsional strain is provided by a cruciform bracing. The front suspension, which is independent, is by low-period coil springs and that at the rear by semi-elliptic springs. The suspension all round is assisted by hydraulic dampers, and an anti-roll bar at the rear prevents excessive sway under severe cornering conditions. The brakes are Lockheed hydraulic of the type employing two leading-shoes on the front drums, a system which gives better braking with reduced foot pressure.

Owing to the forward mounting of the engine, made possible by the use of independent suspension, and the way in which the body is built out to the full width, the amount of room is surprising for a car of such limited dimensions

form of overdrive will, I think, more readily appreciate its benefits by comparing the road speeds which can be maintained at the same engine speed on both normal top and overdrive. For example, at both 68 m.p.h. on normal top and 83 m.p.h. on overdrive the engine is doing the same speed. It is clear, therefore, that the saving in wear-and-tear, fuel, and engine fussiness by engaging the overdrive must be considerable. Naturally, the conditions under which different drivers will use it will vary, as they will with the same driver from hour to hour, depending on whether he is hurried or leisurely. If there is no hurry overdrive can be engaged at speeds as low as 30 m.p.h., whereupon the car will glide silently along in the manner of the most luxurious town carriage. If, on the other hand, one is pressed top can be used until maximum speed is reached, and overdrive engaged then, with the result that the engine speed will drop to the equivalent of 68 m.p.h. I found a pleasant compromise was to use top gear for hill climbing, and to flick into overdrive the moment level road was reached.

Generally speaking, the current Vanguard is a more satisfying car than the first example produced over three years ago, although I find it difficult to define the reasons for this. The performance shows almost no change, other than that given by the overdrive, and I can only assume that the constant experience of building the one model has had the effect of producing greater refinement of fitting and finish. Certainly the dust- and draught-

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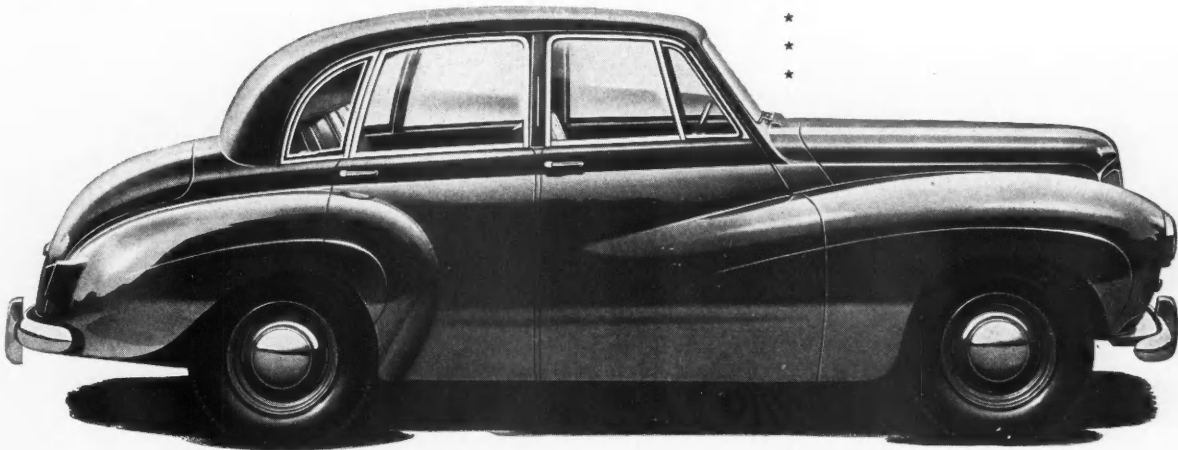
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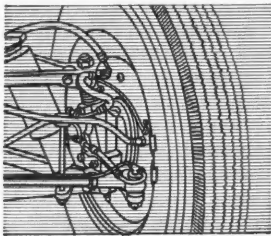
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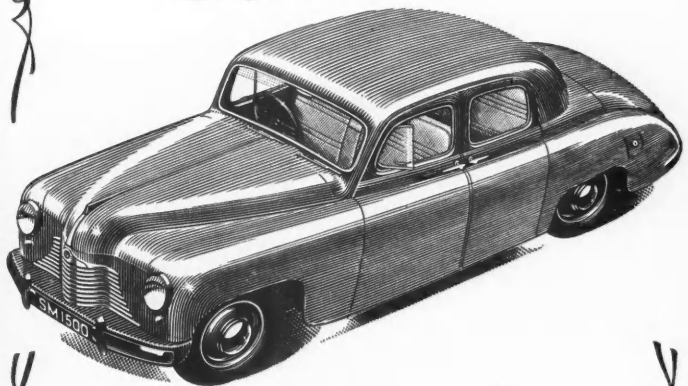
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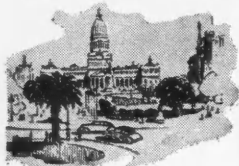
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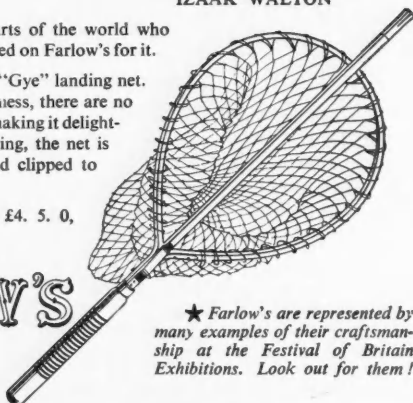
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A CAUSERIE ON BRIDGE

SUMMER SOLSTICE

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

ALL thoughts of a holiday this summer had been put aside, and a reminder that our team had an engagement to figure in a Grand Tournoi de Bridge International at Blankenberge in Belgium raised a big problem.

My team-mates would not hear of a substitute, and eventually I yielded to their blandishments. After all (they said), it was only for a week; the tournament (they said) would be run in the Continental style, a few hours' play at night, the rest of the time free for more relaxing pursuits; the calibre of the rival teams and the exertion required to overcome them (they said) would be negligible. Yet somewhere, I felt, was a catch. It was piercingly revealed as soon as we became airborne at Croydon. Someone found the courage to break the news that a larger entry than anticipated had called for a revision of the programme. There were to be three sessions of play daily. The first was at 10 a.m. B.S.T.—an hour that seems like a ghastly dawn to a Bridge player who suffers at the best of times from insomnia. And we had no reserves. It was too late to jump.

Worse was to come. We took our seats for the first session and glanced round the vast Casino playing room. Every hard-boiled international in Western Europe seemed to be leering at the English representatives, thrice holders of the European crown, with the familiar expression that means "We've everything to gain, nothing to lose—they can be beaten!"

We had not been warned that Blankenberge was to be used as a testing ground by various countries taking part in the European Championships at Venice later in the year. Ten other teams, all out for our blood; from France, Belgium, Holland—and Italy.

With our inward groan, our thoughts harked back to the Battle of Brighton. It was no consolation to learn that the notorious *système Marmik*, which had threatened to disrupt that eventful tournament, was thinly disguised as *Trèfle Romain* and *Trèfle Napolitain*. We were due to meet Italy in the last round of all, at ten o'clock on a Sunday morning.

Taking my duties as captain seriously, I kept the team on their toes, by exhortation if not by example. Three Bridge players and a somnambulist won match after match while our most dangerous rivals, the French and the Italians, dropped points here and there. By the ninth round we had made sure of victory and could study with detached interest the inevitable protests that marked the fight for second place. We were invited to arbitrate on the following unusual incident:

♠ 10 8
♥ A Q J 9 7 4
♦ A Q 9
♣ K 5

♠ 7 4 3
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 10 8 6 5 4
♣ 6 2

♠ 9 5 2
♥ K 6
♦ 7 3 2
♣ J 8 7 4 3

♠ A K Q J 6
♥ 3 2
♦ K J
♣ A Q 10 9

South was declarer in a vulnerable grand slam in No-Trumps and West led a Diamond. North was not satisfied with his partner's handling of Blackwood; laying down Dummy, he hissed "So you want to be in Seven No-Trumps, missing the King of Hearts?" South replied: "I may not need it."

He proceeded to cash the Spades and Diamonds, discarding the Two of Hearts from his own hand. East bared his King of Hearts and clutched four Clubs to the Knave. Having tested the Clubs without success, South led his Heart and elected to go up with Dummy's Ace, felling the King. East instantly claimed a foul, on the grounds that his degree of hesitation while discarding had been affected by South's statement that he did not have the King!

Our match against Italy, although without bearing on the result, produced some exciting

deals. I thought we should gain points when our opponents played the following hand in Three No-Trumps:

♠ K Q 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ 3

♠ A 10
♥ A K 10 7
♦ J 7 3
♣ A J 9 6

♠ J 4
♥ 8 6
♦ A K 5 2
♣ K Q 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 7 2
♥ J 5 4 3
♦ 10 9
♣ 5 4 2

West dealt and opened a conventional *Trèfle*. East said Two Diamonds (to show so many points), West Two No-Trumps, East Three No-Trumps. It seemed that our team-mates at the other table would probably end up in Six Clubs—not a wonderful contract, but makable as the cards lay.

The forecast, up to a point, was correct. South led the Nine of Spades against Six Clubs by East, and our man saw the point in a flash. Strip North's hand of Hearts and Clubs, put him on play with a Spade, and force him to lead a Diamond (which runs to Dummy's Knave) or to concede a ruff and discard.

East duly played Ace-King of Hearts and ruffed a third before his exit play with the Knave of Spades, but he had previously made a technical error in drawing three rounds of Clubs—one round too many. He thus had one trump only in each hand, and North calmly returned a third Spade. The gift of a ruff and discard suddenly lost its savour.

An onlooker put us wise to a novel and undeclared convention in the Italians' play. If they like a suit they play an even-numbered card, and show lack of interest with an odd-numbered card. An occasion may arise, of course, where an Italian leads a heart and his partner has to search for an odd card in 6 4 2. It took my last remnants of consciousness to cash in on the information when this deal came.

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ Q 8 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A 10 9 4

♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ 9 2
♦ A Q J 9 2
♣ 8 7

♠ 6 3
♥ K J 6 5
♦ 10 6 3
♣ Q J 6 5

♠ A K 9
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ K 3 2

The contract in both rooms was a vulnerable Two No-Trumps by South, and West in each case led the Queen of Diamonds, won by the King. The Italian declarer finessed the Nine of Clubs at trick 2, and was two tricks down.

At my table East expressed dislike of Diamonds by playing the Three to the first trick. This marked West with length in the suit. I returned a Diamond. East won and shifted to the Three of Spades; I won with the Ace, and West played the Four. So West liked Spades, but East didn't. I continued with the King and Nine of Spades; West won and cashed his remaining Diamonds. East discarded the Six of Clubs and Six of Hearts, leaving

♠ J
♥ Q 8
♦ ...
♣ A 10

♠ 8
♥ 9 2
♦ ...
♣ 8 7

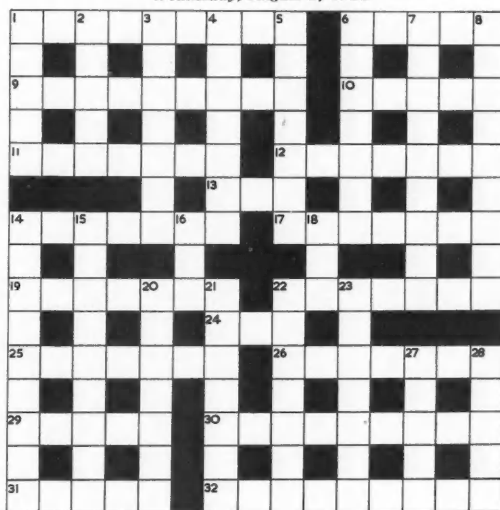
♠ ...
♥ A 10
♦ ...
♣ K 3 2

♠ ...
♥ K J
♦ ...
♣ Q J 5

West led the Nine of Hearts and the Knave drew the Ace. A Club was led to Dummy's Ace, and the Knave of Spades followed. East surrendered and asked how I knew he was squeezed. My answer was non-committal. First, it was his own partner who had done the squeezing; second, I did not wish them to lose faith in a nice convention.

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SOLUTION TO No. 1119. The winner of this Crossword, the clues of which appeared in the issue of July 20, will be announced next week.

ACROSS.—1, Crown imperial; 10, Entreat; 11, Open air; 12, Ours; 13 and 14, Polar bear; 17, Support; 18, Chirrup; 19, Rafter; 22, Rebecca; 24 and 25, Turncoats; 26, Ural; 29, Orators; 30, Halibut; 31, Adipose tissue. DOWN.—2, Rat-trap; 3, Weed; 4, Introit; 5, Prosaic; 6, Reel; 7, Amateur; 8, Demonstration; 9, Pre-raphaelite; 15 and 16, Lower limbs; 20, Forward; 21, Spouses; 22, Ratchet; 23, Caribou; 27, Poop; 28, Ejms.

ACROSS

1. Itinerant artist? (9)
6. Famous for opera (5)
9. "And sang within the bloody wood
"When ——— cried aloud"—T. S. Eliot (9)
10. Greek for garret (5)
11. Impatient to serve it differently (7)
- 12 and 13. Asquithian recipe (4, 3, 3)
14. Sounds like news! (7)
17. Hostess Quickly had such a chamber (7)
19. Taxation in an era of big men (7)
22. Supported, perhaps, but not of long endurance (7)
- 24 and 25. The man might be a trap (10)
26. A case from the embassy? (7)
29. There were parts of it about Cyrene (5)
30. Cans in use can be if spilt (9)
31. "Feels himself ——— and fumbles for his brains"—Cowper (5)
32. Like the blancmange that failed to set (9)

DOWN

1. Probably of a rich form if Chippendale (5)
2. Approaches (5)
3. Real tie (anagr.) (7)
4. "Through caverns measureless to man
"Down to a ——— sea"—Coleridge (7)
5. A Frenchman married is fresh again (7)
6. Dog in a resort with broken line (7)
7. The collar for a commissar? (9)
8. More than a chapter could be written about those of the road (9)
14. True slice (anagr.) (9)
15. Food a friend keeps (9)
- 16 and 18. Poet for quotation and yielding gold (6)
20. How they get across one another in the Navy (7)
21. "A slight unmeritable man
"Meet to be sent on ———"—Shakespeare (7)
22. Quality requiring a saint in the morning somewhere (7)
23. The Swiss in London (7)
27. Change each hundred: there is something secret about it (5)
28. Slackens (5)

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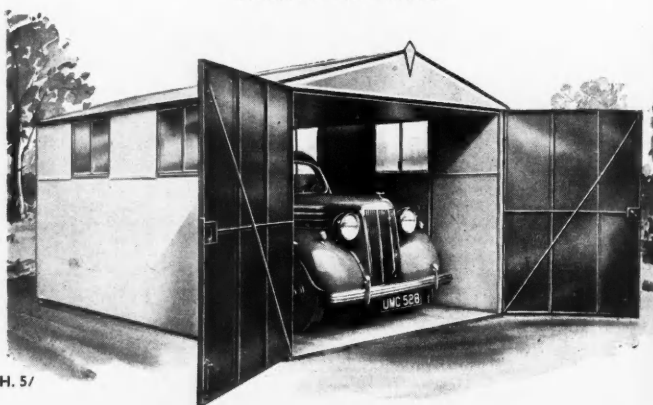
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DURING the past two years much space in the Press has been taken up by criticisms of the Town and Country Planning Act and by numerous and sustained demands for a revision of the Rent Restrictions Acts. Meanwhile, another Act of Parliament which bids fair to affect the pocket of the average householder to a greater extent than either of those mentioned has attracted scant attention. The Act in question is the Local Government Act, 1948, which introduces an entirely new system of assessing the rateable values of all dwelling-houses throughout the length and breadth of England and Wales, with the object of ensuring that any two houses of identical size and design should pay the same rate, no matter where they are situated.

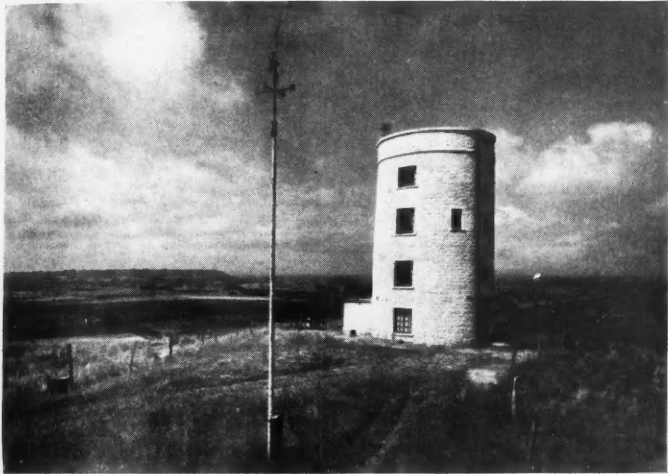
THREE GROUPS

THE effect that this attempt to create a uniformity of rates will have on the demands made upon individual property-owners will not be known until next April, by which

let at restricted rents were under-assessed on the basis of those rents, and houses that were not rent-restricted were under-assessed in sympathy. Now that the assessments of council houses and rent-restricted houses are to be based on costs of construction, the cushion that has been protecting the larger houses built since the end of the first war will be removed and their assessments are likely to be increased accordingly.

LINK WITH SEDGEMOOR

ONE of the most unusual properties that has come on to the market for some time is the Old Windmill at Walton, near Street, Somerset. In the first place, as may be seen in the illustration, it bears no resemblance to a windmill, being a stone cylindrical tower with a flat, circular roof. Inside are three bedrooms, a hall, dining-room, sitting-room, bathroom and kitchen, all of them semi-circular in shape. This curious building overlooks the field of Sedgemoor where, on the night of July 5, 1685, the Duke of Monmouth joined battle with the



THE OLD WINDMILL, STREET, SOMERSET

time, it is expected, the harassed officials of the Inland Revenue who for some months have been engaged in preparing the new valuation lists will have completed their task. Meanwhile, various forecasts have been made, of which one of the most recent and, to my mind, the most logical, was that of Mr. J. R. Bevins, M.P., who, in an article in the *Daily Telegraph*, prophesied a "first-class rumpus" when the body of ratepayers receive demands based on the new assessments.

Under the new system of rating houses are divided into three groups: council houses and flats built since 1918, private houses and flats built since 1918 that come within the Rent Restrictions Acts, and all other houses and flats. For the first group, the gross value for rating purposes is to be 5 per cent. of the hypothetical cost of building in 1938, plus 5 per cent. of the value of the site in that year; for the second, 5 per cent. of the hypothetical cost of building in 1938, plus 5 per cent. of the current site value; and for the third, the assessment is to be based on the 1939 rentable value. It is Mr. Bevins's belief that the introduction of this system, in place of the old system by which all properties are assessed on the rents they would fetch, will result in a general rise in assessments and that the people most likely to be hit are the occupiers of middle-class houses built since the war. His reason for this contention is that under the old system of rating houses

forces of James II under the command of Lord Feversham, and it is said locally that on the anniversary of the battle the clash of arms can be heard rolling up from the moor through the evening mist. The house, which stands back from the Butleigh Cross-Ashcott road 3½ miles from Glastonbury, is a well-known landmark and is for sale for £2,500 through Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff, Yeovil.

A property of a very different kind that comes up for auction next Tuesday is Flower Lilies, an agricultural estate of 912 acres situated between the valleys of the Rivers Dove and Derwent, eight miles to the north of Derby. It includes a large Georgian house, two smaller houses and eight farms ranging between 60 and 107 acres, and will be offered in 66 lots by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley and Mr. B. M. Lowe.

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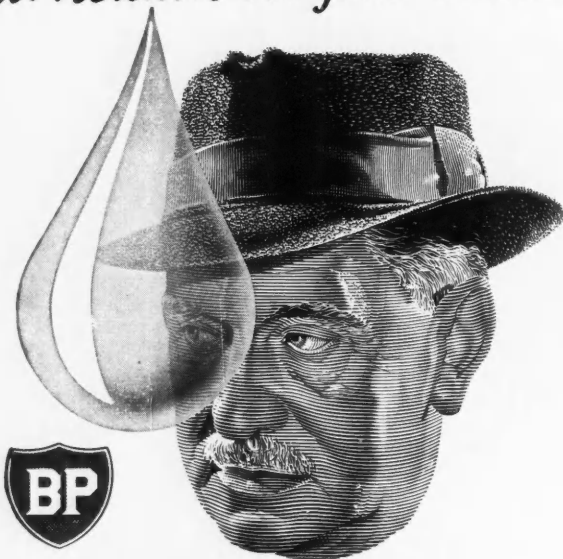
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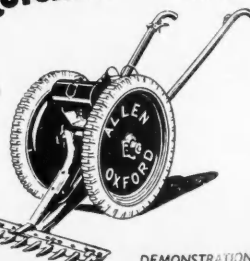
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IN my district seeds hay can be bought baled in the field at £10 10s. a ton if the haul is not too long. This means £11 a ton in the rick-yard at home. The quality, I am assured, is good and the price seems reasonable. What has happened, I think, is that most farmers are short of cash at the moment and those who reckon they will have some hay to spare are trying to refresh the bank balances at a time when the manager is watching the position. On the whole, the cuts of seeds hay have been better than expected with quite a good proportion of clover in the bottom. This is true especially of the later cuts. The meadow hay from old grass did not come to much, but it has been gathered in good order. I still consider that it is prudent just now to make sure that the stock of hay on the farm will be fully sufficient for all likely requirements next winter. Seeds hay can be bought to-day for £11 to £12 a ton, but it may cost £15 or more by Christmas. Certainly the tonnage of silage made is less than last year and there is no immediate prospect of making any more.

Grain Drying

A SCALE of drying charges recommended by the N.F.U. works out at £1 12s. 6d. a ton for drying to 18 per cent. moisture grain, which is harvested with up to 20 per cent. moisture. This price includes weighing, re-packing and cleaning, but not haulage. The figure of 18 per cent. has, no doubt, been chosen because this is the maximum moisture content accepted for millable wheat, but those who are drying grain to keep in store for use on the farm later in the year need to have the moisture content reduced to 16 per cent. at most. In the case of wheat, the market price is lowest at harvest time and rises by £3 a ton through to March, and then there are further increases. Each farmer has to work out for himself the policy that will pay him best. Obviously it is most profitable for the farmer with a combine harvester who has his own grain-drying plant to store as much as he can for sale after Christmas. Even if there is no drying plant on the farm, it may pay to send grain away for drying and have it back for sale later. This depends largely on whether there is adequate rat-proof storage. The charges recommended for combine harvesting are 7s. per working hour per foot of cut or 70s. an acre, whichever is the greater. This charge includes oil and labour, except the wages of the man who ties the bags if a bagging machine is used. The contract charge for combining last harvest was £3 an acre. The increase is due mainly to higher wage rates.

An Aggressive Weed

FARMERS, landowners and gardeners are being asked to co-operate with the agricultural executive committees in suppressing ragwort. The yellow heads are now in their glory and far too much in evidence in some pastures. From the railway line Berkshire seems to be one of the worst infested counties, and I see that the A.E.C. reminds farmers of their responsibilities under the Agriculture Act, 1947. Regulations empower the Minister to issue orders, where necessary, requiring the destruction of this "aggressive, poisonous weed." Ragwort certainly is aggressive and takes some tackling. Hand pulling now and burning will save another crop of seedlings, and I have found that grazing sheep on a pasture in the spring effectively eliminates ragwort. In the tender stage the plant cannot stand defoliation in March and April. But, unfortunately, not every farm carries sheep to-day, and so for many

the best recommendation is hand pulling in July and the use of a selective weed-killer as the plants appear.

Holiday Camps

THIS year the farm camps run by the county committees seem to be as popular as ever. The idea of a holiday with pay and outdoor work appeals to many. Talking to a group who were hoeing weeds in sugar-beet, I found a wide mixture, with a girl from Lancashire, two boys from the Midlands, one from middle Sweden and two young Belgians. The foreigners had joined in because they thought that a fortnight at a farm camp would be a good way of getting to know British people and, incidentally, helping to pay for their holiday here. They were finding the work arduous enough and they said their living conditions were good. When I spoke to them they had plenty of weeds in front of them in a rather gappy crop of beet.

Egg Prices

FROM now onwards there will be a gradual rise in the prices fixed by the Ministry of Food for hens' eggs delivered to the packing stations. The low level this spring was 3s. 6d. and the peak next winter is to be 6s. a dozen. Next spring the price is to drop to 3s. Is this margin between spring and winter prices too wide? Poultry farmers in Berkshire, through the N.F.U., think it is. They recommend that the margin between the spring and winter prices should be narrowed to a range of not more than 50 per cent. between the lowest and highest figures. They point out that the uneconomic price for eggs in the spring is causing breeders, as well as commercial egg producers, to dispose of birds while in full lay. With all the emphasis on winter egg production, breeders limit the hatching period to about eight weeks, after which stock birds have to be sold much below the cost of production because it is uneconomical to retain them for further breeding. This will mean the use of still more pullets in the breeding flocks, which is not desirable.

Agriculture in Europe

WE have all heard about the Schumann Plan for organising and controlling the European output of iron and steel. There is also a French proposal for a supra-national authority for agriculture on similar lines. This suggests a single market for the whole of European agricultural output, commodities being sold at an average price. What the Continental countries choose to do would not in any circumstances suit Britain. We have to buy much of our food outside Europe, and, indeed, for all the major products, such as meat, grain, and, to a large extent, dairy produce, our ties are with countries beyond Europe. Even if Britain is ruled out, it seems unlikely that the Scandinavian countries would want to pool their resources with the rest of the Continent, and accept the standards of living and wage rates of, say, Spain or Italy.

Heather Burning

SEVERAL useful lines of investigation are recommended by the Scottish Hill Farm Research Committee, whose report has been published (Stationery Office, 3s. 6d.). This Committee is able to report a certain amount of progress and they have looked into various problems, such as the effects of heather burning. Sheep prefer young heather. In England, autumn burning has proved successful. In Scotland, April is the best time. Old heather should, wherever possible, be burned by "back-firing"; that is, against the wind and against the lie of the heather sticks.

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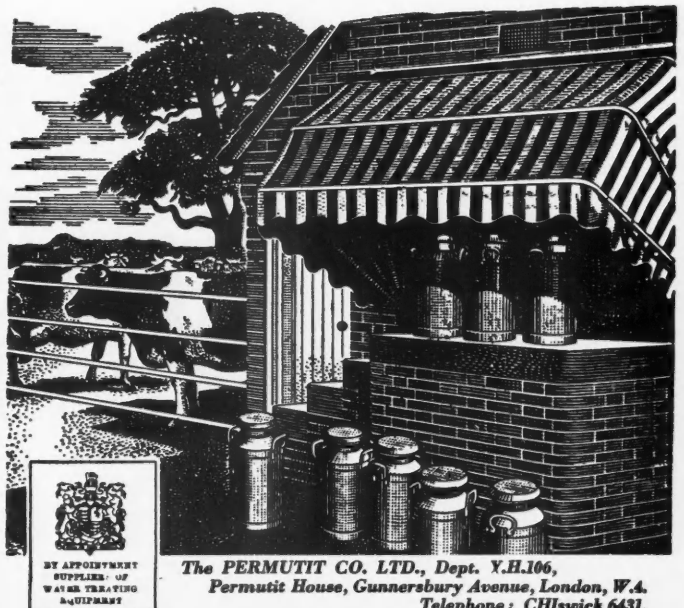
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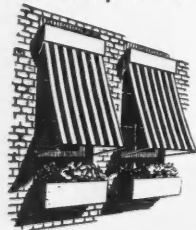
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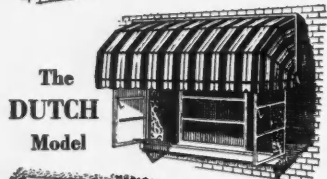


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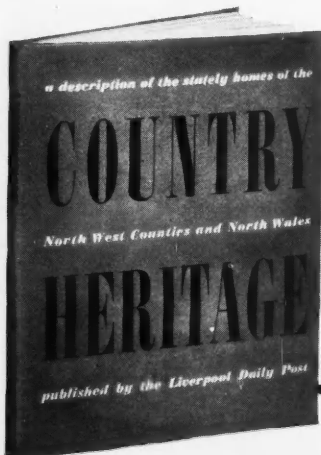
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IN *The Masters* (Macmillan, 12s. 6d.), Mr. C. P. Snow has not only succeeded, but triumphantly succeeded, in doing what I should have thought impossible. Consider his theme. The master of a Cambridge college is dying. The dozen or so of Fellows know that they will soon have to elect a successor. They can choose one of themselves or someone from outside. Failing that, the choice will be made for them by a bishop known as the Visitor. The master is some months a-dying. There is time for cabals to be formed among the Fellows; and again, when the master

Mr. Snow speaks in one scene of "the profound whys of existence"; and these, before all else, are his concern. But he has, also, a novelist's sure touch for the visual, the sensual, moment; so that the book is packed with sounds and scents and colours; the feel of waking up in a cold monastic bedroom and seeing the flat snow-light on the ceiling; the leap of flame in a chimney; the gleam of wine and silver on a table; the sound of young voices drifting through a May night when commemoration balls are forward; the nostalgia of all dead summers in a breath of hay.

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is dead, some time must pass before the election. This gives Mr. Snow the important time-factor, the opportunity for suspense; and the essence of the book is a study of how men react in a time of suspense like that. It is a long book—400 pages of it—and there is literally nothing in it but that. Jago, whom one might call the humanist, and Crawford, whom one might call the scientist, are the Fellows around whom loyalties and prejudices crystallise. No doubt the new master will be one of these, and for page after page, through all the seasons of the year, we are present at whisperings and cajolings, formal assemblies and private parties, at which nothing is talked about but Jago and Crawford, nothing done except with the intention of fixing allegiance to one or the other.

RARE EXCITEMENT

I say again that I should have thought it impossible to make a novel out of this. The dangers of boredom and staleness are tremendous; but not only has Mr. Snow made a readable novel; he has made one that has a rare profundity of psychological excitement. One reads on entranced, conscious—sometimes painfully so—of watching these men stripped down to the fundamental causes of human action and belief.

Tucked into the book is a marker on which Macmillan advertise some books. This is what they say about *The Masters*: "The characters of this novel led carefree lives—until the imminent election of one of them to succeed the dying master of their college." This naive little summary made me laugh; for what gives the book its vital force is the way in which the author makes us realise that this election is *not* something thrust in from outside to disturb the smooth flow of "carefree" lives, but a crucial experience by which all the years of those lives will betray their tendency. Bitterness, frustration, ambition, love of plotting and chicanery, envy, admiration, hope: all these qualities meet in a clash which goes so deep that only a master-novelist could have contrived it and controlled it

He has given himself a mixed team to manage. The Fellows cover a wide space of years and experience, from old Gay, the authority on sagas, whose mind has begun to wander, to young Luke, the docker's son, whose concern is with atomic science. Between these two there are men of many sorts, as there are in any society; and as there are, indeed, not only in a college, and not only in England, but wherever, and at whatever time, men are combined to advance some enterprise. Had this been nothing but a question of electing a master to a Cambridge college, it could have been amusing to see so much heat engendered over a matter of no great concern one way or another; but it is often true of a fine novel that it has a symbolism, even when the author does not intend it, because the causes of conduct operate in all circumstances, as atomic power can boil a kettle or blow up a world. The novelist who understands the "whys" has tremendous power at his fingertips; and Mr. Snow, in giving us these palpitating men—and one woman—with hearts and nerves exposed, deepens our understanding of how, not merely in the circumstances here considered, but in any circumstances, men and women address themselves to the crucial moments of destiny.

It is a long time since I have read a profounder novel. I shall certainly read it more than once again.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Another novel in which the author tries to uncover the springs of action is Mr. Eric Ambler's *Judgment on Deltshev* (Hodder and Stoughton, 10s. 6d.). It is in a different class from Mr. Snow's, and relies far more on the excitements of physical action. Necessarily so, for the scene here is not cloistral: it lies in a country behind the iron curtain. Instead of the election of a college master, it is the trial of a politician that forms the point round which loyalties and aversion, ambitions and hatreds waver. It is one of those trials we know nauseatingly well; and we observe it through the eyes of Foster, a journalist sent



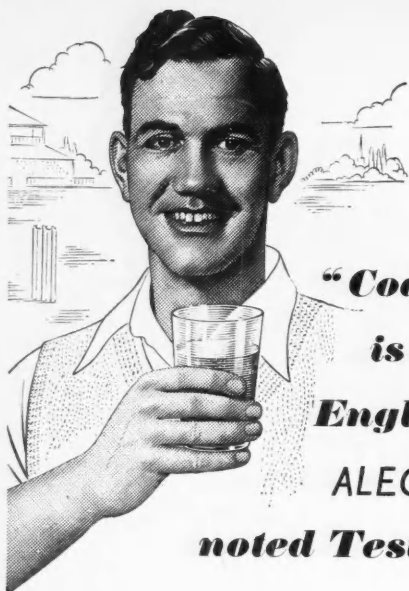
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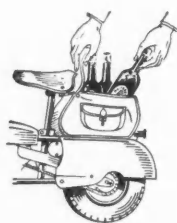
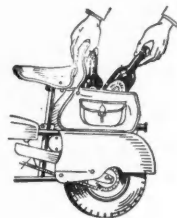
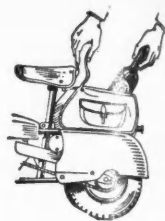
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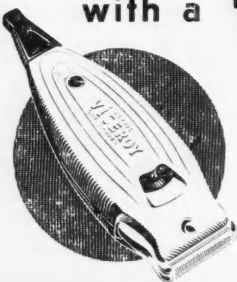
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REVIEWS by HOWARD SPRING—continued

out to "cover" the event. Foster, like most of us, was sceptical about the chance of finding the truth by listening to the carefully-arranged proceedings at the trial. What was the truth behind the half-truths and evasions and ambiguities that unrolled themselves in court? Foster, unwisely for his peace of mind, determined to find out, and soon he was looking down revolvers and stumbling upon murdered men, and witnessing an assassination with full knowledge that it was about to take place.

The book is a compromise between a "thriller" packed with action and a psychological study of how, when thought is stifled, and its utterance in opinion frowned upon, men's minds veer madly between truth and error, and the whole climate of life becomes confused and chaotic. Mr. Ambler has done it very well and, concerning one of the leading actors in the struggle, he has kept him cleverly concealed, though he is always there before our eyes, with a fine sense of when to spring a surprise.

WITH NETS IN THE FOREST

Mr. Bill Westley, the American author of *To Africa for Chimpanzees* (Gollancz, 16s. 6d.), was delighted when he saw "two chimpanzees cavorting and playing together like a couple of kids. Although I loved all sorts of animals, chimps were my particular weakness, and just the sight of them made me feel better." The place where he saw them was in America, and the owner explained: "We collect, breed and raise chimpanzees for medical research, particularly in connection with polio and brain surgery."

Mr. Westley agreed to go to Africa, to collect chimps for these purposes. Arrived in Africa, he set off into the forest with Negro helpers. Chimpanzees, he explains, sleep in the tops of trees. The way to catch them is to clear the undergrowth round their sleeping-place, and in the morning, when they wake up, to have Negroes surrounding the clearing with nets. Then a lot of noise is made to scare the chimpanzees out of the tree-tops, and they are netted as they try to escape. It works out with scenes like this: "The mother, with the baby clinging to the hair on her chest, dropped next, followed by one of the youngsters, all screaming like fiends." They only wanted the half-grown babies, and hoped the mother would escape, but she became entangled. Not unnaturally, she began to scream and bite. "The natives were in a frenzy of excitement. They went completely wild. They plunged their spears into the mother and through the baby, pinning them to the earth and killing them instantly." Happily, two babies were captured. No doubt, just the sight of these creatures, his particular weakness, made Mr. Westley feel better.

GORILLAS AND CHIMPANZEES

Then there was the question of capturing some gorillas. "We gradually worked up close enough to see that there was a mother and a young baby in the group, and decided that if we could get close enough to shoot the mother we could capture the baby. But the cassador was too anxious. He fired too soon, shot the mother, but his shot came from such a distance that the shell scattered and killed the baby too. This was a heart-breaking business." Yes, indeed. Conceive the blow to Mr. Westley's loving heart! But there was consolation. They

found some chimpanzees—"an adult female, two half-grown youngsters and two babies, one at the mother's breast and one hanging around her neck. The babies were exactly what I wanted. I worked my way carefully around until I could get in a good shot. The female dropped instantly. As we rushed forward, the rest scattered, with the exception of the little ones, both of whom clung to the mother."

And later: "I wanted to capture a baby gorilla, and this could only be accomplished by shooting a female with a young baby." The constant strain of dissembling his love must have told heavily on Mr. Westley. In a foreword, Mr. Negley Farson comments "this quiet and kindly book." Of Mr. Westley he says: "He's the real thing."

COUNTRY HOMES

WHEN giving evidence before the Gowers Committee on Historic Houses the Duke of Wellington said that "the English country house is the greatest contribution made by England to the visual arts." This sentence is quoted, appropriately enough, in the first line of the introduction to *Some Famous English Country Homes*, by G. W. Whiteman (Antique Collector, 42s.). The book has been published with the laudable aim of illustrating a representative selection of houses that come within the scope of the Gowers Report, so as to emphasise the urgent necessity of implementing the report's proposals and thus ensuring the preservation of our country house heritage.

Mr. Whiteman has chosen sixteen important houses, and each is the subject of a descriptive essay in which particular attention is paid to the interiors and their contents. These houses include Compton Wynyates, Corsham, Ham, Boughton, Ditchley, Wimpole, Althorp and Stratfield Saye, and they are described in chronological order. At the end of the book there is a list of most of the important country houses open to the public. Unfortunately, the photographs do not always do justice to the houses or to the book's fine purpose.

A Tour of Chatsworth

Mr. Whiteman must have had great difficulty in selecting his team of houses, and among those that he probably considered was Chatsworth, the *History* of which was published by COUNTRY LIFE last year. To complement this full-length study of the house the author, Mr. Francis Thompson, has now written *Chatsworth, A Short History* (COUNTRY LIFE, 9s. 6d.). In the foreword he says: "In writing this little book I have imagined myself to be conducting a visitor round Chatsworth, its garden and its park, and this visitor not a scholar or a specialist but a member of the ordinary intelligent public; and I have tried to tell the reader what in fact I have told such a visitor (how many hundreds of times within the last thirty years!) in the course of such a tour, and to tell it in the same sort of personal familiar way."

The book is divided into three parts: the first is devoted to the building of the house; the second, and largest, to the tour; and the third to the gardens, the village of Edensor and the park. *Chatsworth* is by no means a guide book; nor is it merely a shortened version of the *History*. It is a distillation of Mr. Thompson's immense knowledge of the house, spiced with anecdote and revealing on every page the affection that he has for the house where, as Librarian and Keeper of Collections, he has lived since 1921. His book is illustrated with numerous photographs of Chatsworth and its superb interior, together with reproductions of plans, paintings and drawings. R. G. N.

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Right) A dress in wool jersey has a clinging green top and a wide supple skirt in pine green that has one quarter in crimson with a pocket appliqué in green. Spectator. The shepherd's check dress comes in shades of grey with black silk braid outlining the fronts, collar, revers and cuffs, as well as the vertical slits of the pockets placed in the side seams either side. Percy Trilnick utility



THE first real indication of coming fashions can be seen as the clothes from the first winter collections of the wholesalers begin to appear in the shops. These clothes, bearing their well-known name tags, carry right on until the effects of the line launched at the Paris and London openings in August are felt, that is until winter is well under way.

The over-riding impression after seeing these collections is that the line has been successfully modified without radical change and that there are more charming designs than ever to choose from, especially in the inexpensive sections. The raising of the maximum price for clothes that are sold without purchase tax has undoubtedly given considerably more scope to the makers and the quota of utility has been raised everywhere. The wildly expensive woollens and silks are out of the question, of course, in these categories, but great variety exists and many beautiful materials are being shown. Thick coatings of the duveten and velours type are included this season for the first time; soft textured gabardines make some outstanding suits and among the many fine dress woollens the georgettes with their fluid texture allow a

different type of dress to be included in these cheaper series.

The first item that one adds to the wardrobe at the tag end of summer is usually a simple woollen frock that is indispensable in this climate, and the wholesale collections are particularly rich in attractive and wearable frocks that can be bought without purchase tax. The dresses range in price up to about £7.

The woollen frocks in minute woven checks come in immense variety with long sleeves, three-quarter sleeves and elbow sleeves, with sun-ray pleated skirts, straight skirts and gored skirts. Some of the smartest are braided on the vertical slit pockets and round the tailored revers, cuffs and collars. An Acquer dress for a young girl has three-quarter sleeves ending in stiffened white piqué cuffs that hang below narrow cloth bands, and there is a stiffened white Peter Pan collar as well, while bootlace bows of shiny leather tie the collar and decorate the cuffs. Many check dresses with pleated skirts are shown for an older person. They are usually in two colours, a strong with a pale, and the pleats are slimming, so that the frocks run up into the large measurements with impunity.

Jersey frocks feature oblique fastenings accented by enormous buttons the size of ash-trays, or they are sleekly cut to mould the figure with a fly-front, or have wide circular skirts and high-necked sweater tops. Plain woollen jerseys combine effectively with knitting, mostly ribbed waistbands or yokes of some kind. The jerseys in which wool combines with rayon and the rayon is used to make a raised blob dot or gingham check make some gay little frocks. Wool jerseys are also woven into the fashionable duster and dog-tooth checks with complete success. The pinafore frocks of Jaeger look exceedingly smart teamed with a sleek dark jersey, and both come in the inexpensive ranges. A considerable number of vivid shades have been shown among the jerseys, geranium pink and a deeper coral being very popular, also a real Devon violet. The black jersey frocks, often with a plain round neckline or a coolie neckband, are other successes from the recent shows; they seem to look equally smart with a straight tight skirt with oblique seaming, a huge circular skirt or a sun-ray pleated one.

One of the most elegant of the winter wool georgette frocks comes in the Acquer



Finely ribbed corduroy in garnet red with a black patent belt. The coolie neckline, three-quarter cuffed sleeves and six-gored skirt make a flattering line. Berkertex. (Right) Jaeger's wool jersey dress in mushroom brown has the straight front line broken by the deep hip pockets that appear on so many of the autumn clothes. A wide band of ribbed knitting inserted at the waist matches the cuffs, the front and collar

(Right) For a girl on a limited budget, Dorville have designed this smart grey flannel suit with short full-backed jacket. Sleeves and back are cut in one, pockets are inserted into the raglan seam in front and the collar ties high up with a drawstring made from a roll of the material

range. This has long tight sleeves and a plain top with high round neckline. It is zipped down the back, and in the front of the slim skirt there is a single wide panel of accordion pleating that hangs loose. This is a dress that can be worn on many occasions, either dressed up or quite plain, and the ingenious wearer can fan out the panel to the side seams if she likes and that would instantly make the frock look much more formal. An apron-skirted wool dress in the Susan Small collection is equally sophisticated yet completely simple. A whole series of inexpensive woollen frocks are shown at both these houses and all have a curving fastening or an asymmetric neckline, an apron front or some touch which gives them the look of a *couture* design.

IN the range of cocktail dresses the emphasis is on the taffetas. Bijou make a long-sleeved taffeta dress cut like a coat-frock with deep pockets and buttoning up the front to a coolie neckline. The sleeves are straight, so that they can be turned back into deep cuffs; buttons are round and of smoked pearl and the dress is equally charming in tobacco brown or olive green. This is a good design for the larger woman, as the deep oblong pockets are definitely slimming. A slim sheath of a dress in bronze and gold brocade from Sylvia Mills has a heavy gold chain and dangling seal for a belt, while the deep pockets curve away either side below. This design shows more of the Chinese influence with its neat neckband and slim shoulderline. A charming Linzi frock for a slender girl is cut like a tunic with a gored skirt, trim waistline and a plain low-cut oval top nicked in the front and with tiny flat sleeves that are merely a continuation of the bodice. A tartan taffeta is gay with a semi-circle of flounce let in either side at the hemline and a high-necked simple top.

Combinations of brown with oatmeal are without end in the autumn ranges of frocks. There is a considerable amount of a dark seaweed green and a pine green, both as jersey frocks and as dark silk cocktail dresses or suits. The brilliant wool jersey frocks look smart, as do the plain blacks and some warm mushroom browns. Belts are neat and narrow, and buttons vary from the "ashtray" variety to tiny boot buttons.

The inconspicuous checks look as though they will be the winning design among the tweeds, usually in two colours. There are many mushroom brown-and-white mixtures and many tiny checks. Some of the Jaeger tweeds in yellow and brown checks look particularly youthful and gay and they show topcoats in tweed that match the suit in colour but are generally in a larger version of the check or in a completely different pattern but the same colourings.

A little dissertation on the art of assembling an autumn wardrobe, especially of course in the choice of a hat, is to be given by Aage Thaarup at Marshall and Snelgrove's on August 8 and 9 at 3 p.m. Admission is by ticket. Mr. Thaarup is always an entertaining speaker and never more so than when he is on his own special beat; his entry among the producers of mass-produced millinery has brought great vivacity and altered the whole outlook of the industry. His new collection of 'Teen and Twenty felts contains snug berets and bonnets with the curve over the forehead that is the leading line of the autumn. A bonnet in dark green with a poke brim studded with large round indescendent crystals is a gay little cocktail hat. For tweeds there are berets caught over each eye with a cockade of ribbon or a feather pad. For the older woman, a flattering felt toque is given a curling ostrich feather that nestles over one ear.

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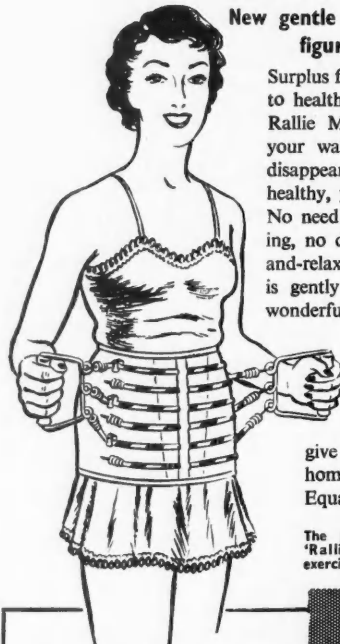
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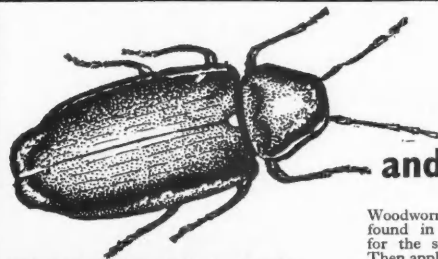
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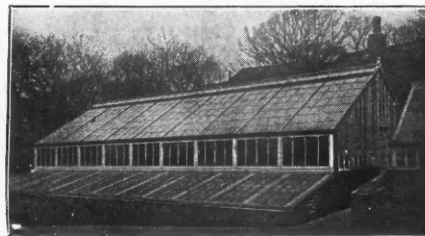
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